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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(Housing -1 Branch)
NOTIFICATION

The 10th August, 2017

No. G.S.R.32/Const./Art.309/2017.— In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to make the following rules regulating the recruitment and the conditions of service of the persons appointed to the Punjab Town and Country Planning (Group A) Service, namely:-

RULES

- 1. Short title, commencement and application.**— (1) These rules may be called the Punjab Town and Country Planning (Group A) Service Rules, 2017.
(2) They shall come into force on and with effect from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
(3) They shall apply to all the posts specified in Appendix 'A'.
- 2. Definitions.**— In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 - (a) 'Appendix' means an Appendix appended to these rules;
 - (b) 'Government' means the Government of the State of Punjab in the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
 - (c) 'Service' means the Punjab Town and Country Planning (Group A) Service.
- 3. Number and character of posts.**— The Service shall comprise the posts as specified in Appendix 'A':

Provided that nothing in these rules shall affect the inherent right of the Government to add to or to reduce the number of posts or to create new posts with different designations and scales of pay, whether permanently or temporarily.
- 4. Appointing authority.**— Appointment to the Service shall be made by the Government.
- 5. Method of appointment, qualifications and experience.**— (1) Appointment to the post in the Service shall be made in the manner as specified in Appendix 'B':

Provided that if no suitable candidate is available for appointment to the Service by promotion either with requisite experience or with two-third part of the requisite experience or by direct recruitment, as the case may be, then appointment to the Service shall be made by transfer of a person holding an analogous post under the

State Government or Government of India.

- (2) No person shall be appointed to a post in the Service unless he possesses the qualifications and experience as specified against that post in Appendix 'B':

Provided that if any post in the Service is filled up by transfer, then in such a case qualifications specified for direct recruitment shall apply:

Provided further that if a post in the Service is specified to be filled up exclusively by promotion, then for filling up such a post by transfer, the qualifications specified for promotion shall apply.

- (3) Appointment to the Service by promotion shall be made on seniority-cum-merit basis and no person shall have any right to claim promotion on the basis of seniority alone.

- 6. Departmental examination.**— Every person appointed to the post of Assistant Town Planner, unless he has already done so, shall be required to pass such Departmental Examination as may be specified by the Government within a period of one and a half years from the date of appointment.
- 7. Pay of members of Service.**— The members of the Service shall be entitled to such scales of pay, as may be authorized by the Government of Punjab in the Department of Finance from time to time. The scales of pay, at present, in force in respect of the members of the Service are given in Appendix 'A'.
- 8. Discipline, punishment and appeal.**— (1) In the matters of discipline, punishment and appeal, the members of the Service shall be governed by the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970, as amended from time to time.
- (2) The authority empowered to impose penalties, as specified in rule 5 of the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970, in respect of the members of the Service shall be the Government.
- 9. Application of the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994.**— (1) In respect of the matters, which are not specifically provided in these rules, the members of the Service shall be governed by the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994, as amended from time to time.
- (2) The Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994, at present, in force are contained in Appendix 'C'.
- 10. Repeal and saving.**— The Punjab Town Planners (State Service Class I) Rules, 1972, the Punjab Town and Country Planning Class-II(Technical) Service Rules, 1998, the Punjab Town and Country Planning Class III Technical Service Rules, 2001 and

the Punjab Town and Country Planning State Service (Class II Ministerial) Rules, 1982, in so far as they are applicable to the members of the Service, are hereby repealed:

Provided that any order issued or any action taken under the rules so repealed, shall be deemed to have been issued or taken under the corresponding provisions of these rules.

- 11. Interpretation.**— If any question arises as to the interpretation of these rules, the Government, in consultation with the Department of Personnel shall decide the same.

APPENDIX 'A'

(see rules 1(3), 3 and 7)

Serial Number	Designation of the post	Number of posts			Scale of pay + Grade Pay (in rupees)
		Permanent	Temporary	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Chief Town Planner	2	-	2	37400-67000 +10000
2.	Senior Town Planner	13	-	13	37400-67000 +8700
3.	District Town Planner	22	-	22	15600-39100 +7600
4.	Assistant Town Planner	68	-	68	15600-39100 +5400
5.	Establishment Officer	2	-	2	15600-39100 +5400
6.	Planning Officer	101	-	101	10300-34800 +5000

APPENDIX-B

[See rule 5]

Serial. No.	Designation of the Post	Percentage for appointment by		Method, experience and qualification for appointment by	
		Direct Appointment	Promotion	Direct Appointment	Promotion
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Chief Town Planner	-	Hundred per cent	-	From amongst the Senior Town Planners, who have worked as regular Senior Town Planner for a minimum period of three years in the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Punjab.
2.	Senior Town Planner	-	Hundred per cent	-	From amongst the District Town Planners, who have worked as regular District Town Planner for a minimum period of seven years in the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Punjab.
3.	District Town Planner	-	Hundred per cent	-	From amongst the Assistant Town Planners, who have worked as regular Assistant Town Planner for a minimum period of eight years in the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Punjab.
4.	Assistant Town Planner	Fifty per cent	Fifty per cent	Should possess Masters Degree in Town and Country Planning or its equivalent from a	(i) Thirty per cent from amongst the Planning Officers, who have worked as regular Planning Officer for a

<p>recognized university or institution making the holder eligible for associate membership of the Institute of Town Planners (India).</p>	<p>minimum period of five years in the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Punjab; and (ii) Twenty per cent from amongst the Government employees working on the posts specified below, who possess a Masters Degree in Town and Country Planning from a recognized university or institution making the holder eligible for Associate Membership of the Institute of Town Planners (India) with a regular experience of working in the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Punjab for a minimum period as specified below against each of the relevant post, namely:</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"> <p>Planning Officer, Research Officer, Senior Planning Draftsman, Junior Engineer (Re-designated as Assistant Engineer)</p> </div> <div style="font-size: 3em; margin-right: 10px;">}</div> <div> <p>Five Years</p> </div> </div> <p>OR</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"> <p>Area Investigator and Draftsman</p> </div> <div style="font-size: 3em; margin-right: 10px;">}</div> <div> <p>Eight years</p> </div> </div> <p>OR</p>
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Field Investigator, Patwari and Junior Draftsman :	}	Ten years
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Provided that the date of eligibility of an employee (inter-se seniority) for the promotion to the post of Assistant Town Planner in the following two situations will be:-

(i) In case he/she acquires requisite experience first and qualification specified in this Column at a later date, then the date of acquiring qualification shall be taken as date of eligibility; and

(ii) Similarly in case he/she acquires the requisite qualification first and thereafter acquires the required experience then the date of acquiring experience shall be taken as the date of eligibility for the purpose of fixing inter-se seniority:

Provided further that in case two or more persons from different cadres acquires requisite experience and qualification on the same date, then the seniority shall

					be determined according to pay being drawn by the employee; and if the rate of pay drawn is also the same, then by their length of service on post held by the employee; and if the length of such service is also the same, an older person shall be considered as senior to a younger person.
5.	Planning Officer	Fifty per cent	Fifty per cent	Should possess Bachelor's Degree in Town and Country Planning or its equivalent from a recognized university or institution; or Bachelor's Degree in Architecture or its equivalent from a recognized university or institution making the holder eligible for Associate Membership of Institute of Architects.	(i) Thirty per cent from amongst the Senior Planning Draftsmen who have worked as regular Senior Planning Draftsman for a minimum period of three years in the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Punjab; and (ii) Twenty per cent from amongst those Research Officers/ Junior Engineer (Re-designated as Assistant Engineer)/ Draftsman/ Junior Draftsman /Area Investigator / Field Investigator/ Patwari, who possess a Diploma in Civil Engineering or Diploma in Architecture or Bachelor's Degree in Architecture or Civil Engineering from a recognized university or institution and have a regular experience of

working as such for a minimum period of twelve years in the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Punjab.

Provided that the date of eligibility of an employee (inter-se seniority) for the promotion to the post of Planning Officer in the following two situations will be:-

(i) *In case he/she acquires requisite experience first* and qualification specified in this Column at a later date, then the date of acquiring qualification shall be taken as date of eligibility; and

(ii) *Similarly in case he/she acquires the requisite qualification first* and thereafter acquires the required experience then the date of acquiring experience shall be taken as the date of eligibility for the purpose of fixing inter-se seniority:

Provided further that in case two or more persons from different cadres acquires requisite experience and qualification on the

			same date, then the seniority shall be determined according to pay being drawn by the employee; and if the rate of pay drawn is also the same, then by their length of service on post held by the employee; and if the length of such service is also the same, an older person shall be considered as senior to a younger person.
6.	Establishment - Officer	Hundred per cent -	From amongst the Superintendent Grade-II, who have worked as regular Superintendent Grade-II for a minimum period of four years in the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Punjab.

APPENDIX-'C'

(See rule 9)

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL
(PERSONNEL POLICIES-1 BRANCH)

NOTIFICATION

The 4th May, 1994

NO. G.S.R.33/Const./Art.309/94. - In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution of India, and all other powers enabling in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to make the following rules regulating the recruitment and general and common conditions of service of persons appointed to '[Group 'A', Group 'B' and Group 'C'] services in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab, namely:-

1. Short title, commencement and application.- (1) These rules may be called the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

(3) They shall apply to all the posts in '[Group 'A', Group 'B' and Group 'C'] services in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab.

2. Definitions.- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-

- a) "appointing authority" means an appointing authority specified as such in the Service Rules made under article 309 of the Constitution of India in respect of any service or Post in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab ;
- b) "Board" means the Subordinate Service Selection Board, Punjab or any other authority constituted to perform its functions;
- c) "Commission" means the Punjab Public Service Commission;
- d) "direct appointment" means an appointment made otherwise than by promotion or by transfer of a person already in the service of Government of India or of a State Government;
- e) "Government" means the Government of the State of Punjab in the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms;
- f) "recognised university or institution" means,-
 - i) any university or institution incorporated by law in any of the State of India; or
 - ii) any other university or institution, which is declared by the Government to be recognised university or institution for the purposes of these rules;

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

- g) "1 [Service" means any Group 'A' Service, Group 'B' Service and Group 'C' Service constituted in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab as per scales given in the Appendix;]
- h) "Service Rules" means the service rules made under article 309 of the Constitution of India regulating the recruitment and conditions of service other than the general and common conditions of service of persons appointed to any service or post in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab; and
- ²[i) (i) "War hero" means a defence services personnel, or a para-military forces personnel, who is a *bona fide* resident of Punjab State and has been killed or discharged from service on account of disability suffered by him on or after 1st January, 1999, while fighting in a war declared so by the Government of India, in operations in Kargil or any other sector in J & K in the on going conflict with Pakistan or in any other operations which may be notified by the State Government to have been undertaken for preserving the unity and integrity of the Country; or
- (ii) a defence service personnel or a para-military forces personnel who was a *bona fide* resident of Punjab State and was posthumously decorated with Parm Vir Chakra, Mahavir Chakra or Vir Chakra; provided that,-
- a) In exceptional instances, the cases of such War Heroes may also be covered, with the prior approval of the Department of Personnel who though not *bona fide* residents of Punjab State are yet closely connected to the State of Punjab;
- b) In the case of War Heroes, falling in the category (ii) above, the benefits to be given by the State Government will be restricted only to first generation dependent members/next of the kin.

Note:- The Government reserves the right to include any other category of Awardees for the purpose of providing employment to the category of War Heroes, as may be notified.]

3. Nationality, domicile and character of person appointed to the Service.-

- (1) No person shall be appointed to the Service unless he is,-
- a) a Citizen of India; or

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

² Substituted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.34/Const./Art.309/Amd.(7)/2003, dated 12th July, 2003.

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- b) a Citizen of Nepal; or
 - c) a Subject of Bhutan; or
 - d) a Tibetan refugee who came over to India before the 1st day of January, 1962 with the intention of permanently settling in India; or
 - e) a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka and East African Countries of Kenya, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania (formerly Tanganyika and Zanzibar), Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India :

Provided that a person belonging to any of the categories (b), (c), (d) and (e) shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been given by the Government of Punjab in the Department of Home Affairs and Justice.

- (2) A person in whose case a certificate of eligibility is necessary may be admitted to an examination or interview conducted by the Commission or the Board, as the case may be, on his furnishing proof that he has applied for the certificate but he shall not be appointed to the service unless the necessary certificate is given to him by the Government of Punjab in the Department of Home Affairs and Justice.
- (3) No person shall be recruited to the service by direct appointment, unless he produces,
 - a) a certificate of character from the principal academic officer of the university, college, school or institution last attended, if any, and similar certificates from two responsible persons not being his relatives, who are well acquainted with him in his private life and are unconnected with him in his private life and are unconnected with his university, college, school or institution; and
 - b) An affidavit to the effect that he was never convicted for any criminal offence involving moral turpitude and that he was never dismissed or removed from service of any State Government or of Government of India, or of any Public Sector Undertaking.

4. Disqualification.- No person;-

- a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having spouse living ; or
- b) who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person shall be eligible for appointment to the Service :

Provided that the Government, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and that there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

- 5. Age.-**¹ [(1) No person shall be recruited to the Service by direct appointment, if he is less than eighteen years or is more than thirty seven years of age in the case of technical and non-technical posts on the first day of January of the year immediately preceding the last date, fixed for submission of applications by the Commission or the Board, as the case may be.]

Provided that where different lower and upper age limits have been specifically prescribed for posts in the Service Rules, these limits shall be made applicable for appointment to such posts:

Provided further that the upper age limit may be relaxed upto forty-five years in the case of persons already in the employment of the³[Punjab Government or any Board, Corporation, Commission or Authority under it,] other State Government or the Government of India.

Provided further that in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and other Backward Classes, the upper age limit shall be such as may be fixed by the Government from time to time.

- (2) In the case of ex-servicemen, the upper age limit shall be such as has been prescribed in the Punjab Recruitment of Ex-servicemen Rules, 1982, as amended from time to time.
- (3) In the case of appointment on compassionate grounds on priority basis, the upper age limit shall be such as may be specifically fixed by the Government from time to time.

- ²[(4) In the case of appointment of a War-hero, who has been discharged from defence services or para-military forces on account of disability suffered by him or his widow or dependent member of his family, the upper age limit shall be such as may be specifically fixed by the Government from time to time]

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.20/Const./Art.309/Amd.(10)/2010, dated 24th May, 2010.

² Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.81/Const./Art.309/Amd.(11)/99, dated 15th November, 1999.

³ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.85/Const./Art.309/Amd.(19)/2016, dated 20th December, 2016.

³[5A. **Increase in upper age limit.** - Notwithstanding anything contained in rule 5, on and with effect from the commencement of the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Amendment Rules, 2010, where in any other Service rules, or in Government instructions, the upper age limit for appointment to any Service or for any category or persons, if different from thirty-five years, it shall be deemed to have been increased by two years.]

6. Qualification etc.- Subject to the provisions of these rules, the number and character of posts, method of recruitment and educational qualifications and experience for appointment to a post or posts in a Service and the departmental examination, if any, shall be such as may be specified in the Service Rules made for that Service;

¹{ Provided that where appointment of ²[Group 'A' or Group 'B'] non-technical post is offered to a war-hero, who has been discharged from defence services or paramilitary forces on account of disability suffered by him or his widow or dependent member of his family, under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government, the educational qualification to be possessed by such person shall be graduation from a recognised university. Such person who is offered ²[Group 'A' or Group 'B' or Group 'C'] non- technical post, shall not, however, be required to possess experience of technical or non-technical post at the time of his initial appointment. }

7. Probation.- (1) A person appointed to any post in the service shall remain on probation for a period of ⁴[three] years, if recruited by direct appointment and one year if appointed otherwise:

Provided that.-

- (a) any period, after such appointment, spent on deputation on a corresponding or a higher post shall count towards the period of probation;
- (b) in the case of an appointment by transfer, any period of work on an equivalent or higher rank, prior to appointment to the Service, may in the discretion of the appointing authority, be allowed to count towards the period of probation;

¹ Proviso was added, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.81/Const./Art.309/Amd(11)/99, dated 15th November, 1999.

² Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

³ Rule 5A after rule 5 was inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.20/Const./Art.309/Amd.(10)/2010, dated 24th May, 2010.

⁴ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.56/Const./Art.309/Amd.(18)/2016, dated 5th September, 2016.

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- (c) any period of officiating appointment to the Service shall be reckoned as period spent on probation; and
 - (d) any kind of leave not exceeding six months, during or at the end of period of probation, shall be counted towards the period of probation.
- (2) If, in the opinion of the appointing authority, the work or conduct of a person during the period of probation is not satisfactory or if he has failed to pass the departmental examination, if any, prescribed in Service Rules within a period not exceeding ¹[one] and a half years from the date of appointment, it may,-
- (a) if such person is recruited by direct appointment, dispense with his services, or revert him to a post on which he held lien prior to his appointment to the Service by direct appointment; and
 - (b) if such person is appointed otherwise -
 - i) revert him to his former post; or
 - ii) deal with him in such other manner as the terms and conditions of the previous appointment permit.
- (3) On the completion of the period of probation of a person, the appointing authority may -
- (a) if his work and conduct has in its opinion been satisfactory -
 - i) confirm such person, from the date of his appointment or from the date he completes his period of probation satisfactorily, if he is not already confirmed; or
 - ii) declare that he has completed his probation satisfactorily, if he is already confirmed; or
 - (b) if his work or conduct has not been in its opinion, satisfactory or if he has failed to pass the departmental examination, if any, specified in the Service Rules—
 - i) dispense with his services, if appointed by direct appointment or if appointed otherwise revert him to his former post, or deal with him in such other manner as the terms and conditions of his previous appointment may permit;
 - ii) extend his period of probation and thereafter pass such order. as it could have passed on the expiry of the period of probation as specified in sub-rule (1):

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.1/Const./Art.309/Amd.(14)/2015, dated 23rd February, 2015.

Provided that the total period of probation including extension, if any, shall not exceed three years.

8. Seniority.- The seniority *inter se* of persons appointed to posts in each cadre of a Service shall be determined by the length of continuous service on such post in that cadre of the Service.

Provided that in the case of persons recruited by direct appointment who join within the period specified in the order of appointment or within such period as may be extended from time to time by the appointing authority subject to a maximum of four months from the date of order of appointment the order of merit determined by the Commission or the Board, as the case may be, shall not be disturbed:

Provided further that in case a person is permitted to join the post after the expiry of the said period of four months in consultation with the Commission or the Board, as the case may be, his seniority shall be determined from the date he joins the post:

Provided further that in case any person of the next selection has joined a post in the cadre of the concerned Service before the person referred to in the preceding proviso joins, the person so referred shall be placed below all the persons of the next selection who join within the time specified in the first proviso:

Provided further that in the case of two or more persons appointed on the same date, their seniority shall be determined as follows:-

- a) a person appointed by direct appointment shall be senior to a person appointed otherwise;
- b) a person appointed by promotion shall be senior to a person appointed by transfer;
- c) in the case of persons appointed by promotion or transfer, the seniority shall be determined according to the seniority of such persons in the appointments from which they were promoted or transferred; and
- d) in the case of persons appointed by transfer from different cadres their seniority shall be determined according to pay, preference being given to a person who was drawing a higher rate of pay in his previous appointment; and if the rates of pay drawn are also the same, then by their length of service in these appointments and if the length of service is also the same, an older person shall be senior to a younger person:

¹[Provided further that in the case of persons recruited by direct appointment in the same cadre obtaining equal marks during same selection process, their *inter- se-seniority* shall be determined on the basis of their age. That is, an older person shall be senior to the

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.11/Const./Art.309/Amd.(17)/2016 dated 19th January, 2016.

younger person.]

Note:- Seniority of persons appointed on purely provisional basis or on ad hoc basis shall be determined as and when they are regularly appointed keeping in view the dates of such regular appointment.

9. Liability of members of Service to transfer.- A member of a Service may be transferred to any post whether included in any other service or not, on the same terms and conditions as are specified in rule 3.17 of the Punjab Civil Service Rules, Volume-I, Part I.

10. Liability to serve.- A member of a Service shall be liable to serve at any place, whether within or out of the State of Punjab, on being ordered so to do by the appointing authority.

11. Leave, Pension and other matters.- In respect of pay, leave, pension and all other matters not expressly provided for in these rules, a member of a Service shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may have been or may hereafter be adopted or made by the competent authority.

12. Discipline, penalties and appeals.- (1) In the matter of discipline, punishment and appeals, a member of a Service shall be governed by the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970 as amended from time to time.

2) The authority empowered to impose penalties specified in rule 5 of the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970 and the appellate authority thereunder in respect of the Government employee shall be such as may be specified in the Service Rules.

13. Liability for vaccination and re-vaccination.- Every member of a Service shall get himself vaccinated or re-vaccinated when Punjab Government so directs by a special or general order.

14. Oath of allegiance.- Every member of a Service, unless he has already done so, shall be required to take oath of allegiance to India and to the Constitution of India as by law established.

¹14A. Minimum Educational and other Qualifications for appointment to the post of Senior Assistant by —

Direct Appointment	Promotion
No person shall be given direct appointment to the post of Senior Assistant under the Punjab Government unless he --	From amongst the clerks, who have an experience of working as such for a minimum period

¹ Rule 14A was inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.7/Const./Art./309/Amd.(15)/2015 dated 15th March 2015.

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- (i) Possesses the Bachelor's five years.
Degree from a recognised University or Institution; and
- (ii) Qualifies in the competitive test specified by the
appointing authority from time to time; and
- (iii) Possesses at least one hundred and twenty hours
course with hands on experience in the use of Personal
Computer or Information Technology in Office
Productivity applications or Desktop Publishing
applications from a Government recognised
institution or a reputed institution, which is
ISO 9001, certified.

OR

Possesses a Computer Information Technology Course
equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of
Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course
(DOEACC) of Government of India.

(2) The person so appointed as Senior Assistant in terms
of the Provisions of sub-rule (1), shall have, before his
appointment, ¹[passed a test in English and Punjabi,
respectively,] typewriting on computer to be conducted
by the Board or the appointing authority or the
Department of Information Technology, as the case may
be, at a speed of thirty words per minute:

Provided that where appointment of Group 'B'
non-technical post is offered to a War Hero, who has been
discharged from Defence Services or dependent member
of his family under the instructions issued in this behalf
by the Government, the educational qualification to be
possessed by such person shall be Graduate from a
recognised University or Institution. However, such
person shall not be required to qualify the test in
Punjabi type-writing as provided in sub-rule (2).

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.69/Const./Art.309/Amd.(16)/2015 dated 24th
December, 2015.

¹[15. Minimum Educational and other qualifications.- (1) (i) No person shall be given direct appointment to the post of Clerk under the Punjab Government unless he possesses the Bachelor's Degree from a recognised University or Institution; and

- (ii) Possesses at least one hundred and twenty hours course with hands on experience in the use of Personal Computer or Information Technology in Office Productivity applications or Desktop Publishing applications from a Government recognised institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001, certified.

OR

Possesses a Computer information Technology course equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course (DOEACC) of Government of India.;

(2) The person so appointed as Clerk in terms of the provisions of sub-rule(1), shall have, before his appointment, ²[passed a test in English and Punjabi, respectively, on computer], to be conducted by the Board or the appointing authority or the Department of Information Technology as the case may be, at a speed of thirty words per minute.".

Provided that where appointment of Group 'C' non-technical post is offered to a War Hero, who has been discharged from Defence Services or dependent member of his family under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government, the educational qualification to be possessed by such person shall be Graduate from a recognised University or Institution. However, such person shall not be required to qualify the test in Punjabi type-writing as specified in sub-rule (2).]

³[15A. Minimum Educational and other Qualifications for appointment to the post of Senior Scale Stenographer by —

Direct Appointment	Promotion
No person shall be given direct appointment to the post of Senior Scale Stenographer under the Punjab Government unless he --	(i) From amongst the Junior Scale Stenographers, who have an experience of working as
(i) Possesses the Bachelor's Degree from a recognised University or Institution; and	such for a minimum period of one year.

¹ Rule 15 was Substituted, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.12/Const./Art.309/Amd.(9)/2009, dated 10th February, 2009.

Rule 15 was amended and sub rule (3) was Omitted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.59/Const./Art.309/Amd.(13)/2011, dated 17th August, 2011.

² Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.69/Const./Art.309/Amd.(16)/2015 dated 24th December, 2015.

³ Rule 15A was Inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.7/Const./Art.309/Amd.(15)/2015 dated 15th March, 2015.

(ii) Qualifies in a Stenography test in four paras (two in Punjabi and two in English language) containing 250 words each as follows :-

(a) the passage in Punjabi shall be dictated at a speed of 100 words per minute in Punjabi language required to be transcribed these (at typewriter/computer) at a speed of 20 words per minute; and

(b) the passage in English shall be dictated at a speed of 60 words per minute in English language required to be transcribed these (at typewriter/computer) at the speed of 12 words per minute.

(iii) The candidates committing not more than 4% mistakes in aggregate and only if he/she qualifies the stenography test in both the languages shall be considered to have qualified the test for appointment as Senior Scale Stenographer".

(iv) Possesses at least one hundred and twenty hours course with hands on experience in the use of Personal Computer or Information Technology in Office Productivity applications or Desktop Publishing applications from a Government recognised institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001, certified.

OR

Possesses a Computer information Technology course equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course (DOEACC) of Government of India.

Provided that if the Junior Scale Stenographer is not available then from amongst the Steno typists, who have an experience of working as such for a minimum period of five years; and (ii) Qualifies in a stenography test in four paras (two in Punjabi and two in English language) containing 250 words each as follows:-

(a) the passage in Punjabi shall be dictated at a speed of 100 words per minute in Punjabi language required to be transcribed these (at typewriter/computer) at a speed of 20 words per minute; and

(b) the passage in English shall be dictated at a speed of 60 words per minute in English language required to be transcribed these (at typewriter/computer) at the speed of 12 words per minute.

(iii) The candidates committing not more than 4% mistakes in aggregate and only if he / she qualifies the Stenography test in both the languages shall be considered to have qualified the test for promotion as Senior Scale Stenographer."

16. Minimum Educational and other Qualifications for appointment to the post of Steno-typist or Junior Scale Stenographer.- No person shall be given direct

Rule 15A was Inserted, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.7/Const./Art.309/Amd.(15)/2015, dated 15th March, 2015.

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.12/Const./Art.309/Amd.(9)/2009, dated 10th February, 2009.

appointment to the post of Steno-typist or Junior Scale Stenographer under the Punjab Government, unless he -

- (a) Possesses Bachelor's Degree from a recognised University or Institution; and
- (b) Qualifies a test in Punjabi Stenography to be held by the Board or by the appointing authority at a speed specified by the Government from time to time; and
- (c) Possesses at least one hundred and twenty hours course with hands on experience in the use of Personal Computer or Information Technology in Office Productivity applications or Desktop Publishing applications from Government recognised institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001, certified.

OR

Possesses a Computer information Technology Course equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course (DOEACC) of Government of India.

¹[17. Knowledge of Punjabi Language.- No person shall be appointed to any post in any service by direct appointment unless he has passed Matriculation examination with Punjabi as one of the compulsory or elective subjects or any other equivalent examination in Punjabi language, which may be specified by the Government from time to time:

Provided that where a person is appointed on compassionate grounds on priority basis under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government from time to time, the person so appointed shall have to pass an examination of Punjabi language equivalent to Matriculation standard or he shall have to qualify a test conducted by the Language Wing of the Department of Education of Punjab Government within a period of six months from the date of his appointment:

Provided further that where educational qualifications for a post in any service are lower than the Matriculation standard, then the person so appointed shall have to pass an examination of Punjabi language equivalent to Middle standard:

Provided further that where a War Hero, who has been discharged from defence services or paramilitary forces on account of disability suffered by him or his widow or dependent member of his family, is appointed under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government, the person so appointed will not be required to possess aforesaid knowledge of Punjabi language:

Provided further that where a ward of Defence Service Personnel, who is a *bona*

¹ Rule 17 was Substituted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.97/Const./Art.309/Amd.(5)/2001, dated 4th September, 2001.

fide resident of Punjab State, is appointed by direct appointment, he shall have to pass an examination of Punjabi Language equivalent to Matriculation Standard or he shall have to qualify a test conducted by the Language Wing of the Department of Education of Punjab Government within a period of two years from the date of his appointment.]

'[18. Promotion to Group 'A' and Group 'B' Services.- (1) (a) For promotion to the post as Head of Department would be decided strictly on the basis of merit-cum-seniority as per the instructions issued by the Government from time to time. The minimum bench mark for promotion for such post would be 'Very Good'. The officer who is graded as 'Outstanding' would supersede the officer graded as 'Very Good'.

(b) For promotion to post falling in Group 'A' other than Head of Department, the minimum benchmark will be 'Very Good' as per the instructions issued by the Government from time to time. There shall be no supersession on the basis of merit.

(c) For promotion to post falling in Group the minimum benchmark will be 'Good' and there shall be no supersession on the basis of merit.

(2) Debarring for consideration for promotion of a Government employee who refuses to accept promotion.- In the event of refusal to accept promotion by a member of a service, he shall be debarred by the appointing authority from consideration for promotion for all the consecutive chances which may occur in future within a period of two years from the date of such refusal to accept promotion:

Provided that in a case where the appointing authority is satisfied that a member of a service has refused to accept promotion under the circumstances beyond his control, it may exempt such a member for reasons to be recorded therefor in writing from the operation of this rule.]

19. Power to relax.- Where the government is of the opinion that it is necessary to expedient so to do, it may by order, for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.

Provided that the provisions relating to educational qualifications and experience, if any, shall not be relaxed.

20. Over riding effect.- The provisions of these rules shall have effect notwithstanding anything contrary contained in any rules for the time being in force for regulating the recruitment and conditions of service for appointment to public service and posts in connection with the affairs of the State.

¹ Rule 18 was Substituted, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.117/Const./Art.309/Amd.(7)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

21. Interpretation.- If any, question arises as to the interpretation of these rules, the Government shall decide the same.

“APPENDIX”

(See rule 2)

- Group ‘A’ : Posts in initial entry revised scales of pay having a maximum of Rs. 11,660 or more;
Provided that all existing Class I posts irrespective of the monetary limits of the pay scales shall be placed in Group ‘A’.
- Group ‘B’ : Posts in initial entry revised scales of pay with maximum ranging between Rs. 10,640 to 11,659;
- Group ‘C’ : Posts in initial entry revised scales of pay with maximum ranging between Rs. 5,160 to 10,639;

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Appendix was inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

PART III
GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(Housing -1 Branch)

NOTIFICATION

The 10th August, 2017

No. G.S.R.33/Const./Art.309/2017.— In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to make the following rules regulating the recruitment and the conditions of service of the persons appointed to the Punjab Town and Country Planning Group B (Ministerial) Service, namely:-

RULES

- 1. Short title, commencement and application.**— (1) These rules may be called the Punjab Town and Country Planning Group B (Ministerial) Service Rules, 2017.
(2) They shall come into force on and with effect from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
(3) They shall apply to all the posts specified in Appendix 'A'.
- 2. Definitions.**— In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 - (a) 'Appendix' means an Appendix appended to these rules;
 - (b) 'Government' means the Government of the State of Punjab in the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
 - (c) 'Service' means the Punjab Town and Country Planning Group B (Ministerial) Service.
- 3. Number and character of posts.**— The Service shall comprise the posts as specified in Appendix 'A':

Provided that nothing in these rules shall affect the inherent right of the Government to add to or to reduce the number of posts or to create new posts with different designations and scales of pay, whether permanently or temporarily.
- 4. Appointing authority.**— Appointment to the Service shall be made by the Government.
- 5. Method of appointment, qualifications and experience.**— (1) Appointment to the post in the Service shall be made in the manner as specified in Appendix 'B':

Provided that if no suitable candidate is available for appointment to the Service by promotion either with requisite experience or with two-third part of the with requisite experience or by direct recruitment, as the case may be, then appointment to the Service shall be made by transfer of a person holding an analogous post under the

State Government or Government of India.

- (2) No person shall be appointed to a post in the Service unless he possesses the qualifications and experience as specified against that post in Appendix 'B':

Provided that if any post in the Service is filled up by transfer, then in such a case qualifications specified for direct recruitment shall apply:

Provided further that if a post in the Service is specified to be filled up exclusively by promotion, then for filling up such a post by transfer, the qualifications specified for promotion shall apply.

- (3) Appointment to the Service by promotion shall be made on seniority-cum-merit basis, and no person shall have any right to claim promotion on the basis of seniority alone.

- 6. Pay of members of Service.**— The members of the Service shall be entitled to such scales of pay, as may be authorized by the Government of Punjab in the Department of Finance from time to time. The scales of pay, at present, in force in respect of the members of the Service are given in Appendix 'A'.

- 7. Discipline, punishment and appeal.**— (1) In the matters of discipline, punishment and appeal, the members of the Service shall be governed by the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970, as amended from time to time.

- (2) The authority empowered to impose penalties, as specified in rule 5 of the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970, in respect of the members of the Service, shall be the Government.

- 8. Application of the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994.**— (1) In respect of the matters, which are not specifically provided in these rules, the members of the Service shall be governed by the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994, as amended from time to time.

- (2) The Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994, at present in force, are contained in Appendix 'C'.

- 9. Repeal and saving.**— The Punjab Town and Country Planning (Ministerial) Class III Service Rule, 2000, in so far as they are applicable to the members of the Service, are hereby repealed:

Provided that any order issued or any action taken under the rules so repealed, shall be deemed to have been issued or taken under the corresponding provisions of these rules.

- 10. Interpretation.**— If any question arises as to the interpretation of these rules, the Government, in consultation with the Department of Personnel, shall decide the same.

APPENDIX 'A'

[See rules 1(3), 3 and 6]

Serial Number	Designation of the post	Number of posts			Scale of pay + Grade Pay (in rupees)
		Permanent	Temporary	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Superintendent Grade II	21	-	21	10300-34800 +4800
2.	Senior Assistant	25	-	25	10300-34800 +4400
3.	Accountant	7	-	7	10300-34800 +4400
4.	Personal Assistant	1	-	1	10300-34800 +4800
5.	Senior Scale Stenographer	7	-	7	10300-34800 +4400

APPENDIX 'B'

(See rule 5)

Serial Number	Designation of the post	Percentage for appointment by		Method, qualification and experience for appointment by	
		Direct appointment	Promotion	Direct appointment	Promotion
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Superintendent Grade II	-	Hundred per cent	-	From amongst the Senior Assistants who have a regular experience of working as such for a minimum period of eight years in the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Punjab.
2.	Senior Assistant	Twenty- five per cent	Seventy- five per cent	As specified in the 'Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994 for the post of Senior Assistant as amended from time to time.	(i) From amongst the Clerks who have a regular experience of working as Clerks for minimum period of five years in the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Punjab; (ii) Should possess a course of at least one hundred and twenty hours with hands on experience in the use of Personal Computer or Information Technology in Office Productivity applications or Desktop publishing applications from Government recognized institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001 certified.

3.	Accountant	Hundred per cent	-	<p>(i) Should possess Bachelor's Degree in Commerce or Bachelor's Degree with Economics or Mathematics or Statistics as one of the subject from a recognized university or institution; and</p> <p>(ii) Should possess minimum six-month certificate course in computer data entry with proficiency of tally software either from a Government recognised institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001, certified;</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Possess a Computer Information Technology six-month course in computer data entry with proficiency of tally software equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course (DOEACC) of Government of India.</p>
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4.	Personal Assistant	-	Hundred per cent	-	From amongst the Senior Scale Stenographers who have a regular experience of working as such for a minimum period of five years in the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Punjab.
5.	Senior Scale Stenographer	-	Hundred per cent	-	As specified in the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994 for the post of Senior Scale Stenographer as amended from time to time.

APPENDIX-'C'

(See rule 8)

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL
(PERSONNEL POLICIES-1 BRANCH)

NOTIFICATION

The 4th May, 1994

NO. G.S.R.33/Const./Art.309/94. - In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution of India, and all other powers enabling in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to make the following rules regulating the recruitment and general and common conditions of service of persons appointed to '[Group 'A', Group 'B' and Group 'C'] services in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab, namely:-

1. Short title, commencement and application.- (1) These rules may be called the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

(3) They shall apply to all the posts in '[Group 'A', Group 'B' and Group 'C'] services in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab.

2. Definitions.- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-

- a) "appointing authority" means an appointing authority specified as such in the Service Rules made under article 309 of the Constitution of India in respect of any service or Post in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab ;
- b) "Board" means the Subordinate Service Selection Board, Punjab or any other authority constituted to perform its functions;
- c) "Commission" means the Punjab Public Service Commission;
- d) "direct appointment" means an appointment made otherwise than by promotion or by transfer of a person already in the service of Government of India or of a State Government;
- e) "Government" means the Government of the State of Punjab in the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms;
- f) "recognised university or institution" means,-
 - i) any university or institution incorporated by law in any of the State of India; or
 - ii) any other university or institution, which is declared by the Government to be recognised university or institution for the purposes of these rules;

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

- g) "1 [Service" means any Group 'A' Service, Group 'B' Service and Group 'C' Service constituted in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab as per scales given in the Appendix;]
- h) "Service Rules" means the service rules made under article 309 of the Constitution of India regulating the recruitment and conditions of service other than the general and common conditions of service of persons appointed to any service or post in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab; and
- ²[i) (i) "War hero" means a defence services personnel, or a para-military forces personnel, who is a *bona fide* resident of Punjab State and has been killed or discharged from service on account of disability suffered by him on or after 1st January, 1999, while fighting in a war declared so by the Government of India, in operations in Kargil or any other sector in J & K in the on going conflict with Pakistan or in any other operations which may be notified by the State Government to have been undertaken for preserving the unity and integrity of the Country; or
- (ii) a defence service personnel or a para-military forces personnel who was a *bona fide* resident of Punjab State and was posthumously decorated with Parm Vir Chakra, Mahavir Chakra or Vir Chakra; provided that,-
- a) In exceptional instances, the cases of such War Heroes may also be covered, with the prior approval of the Department of Personnel who though not *bona fide* residents of Punjab State are yet closely connected to the State of Punjab;
- b) In the case of War Heroes, falling in the category (ii) above, the benefits to be given by the State Government will be restricted only to first generation dependent members/next of the kin.

Note:- The Government reserves the right to include any other category of Awardees for the purpose of providing employment to the category of War Heroes, as may be notified.]

3. Nationality, domicile and character of person appointed to the Service.-

- (1) No person shall be appointed to the Service unless he is,-
- a) a Citizen of India; or

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

² Substituted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.34/Const./Art.309/Amd.(7)/2003, dated 12th July, 2003.

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- b) a Citizen of Nepal; or
 - c) a Subject of Bhutan; or
 - d) a Tibetan refugee who came over to India before the 1st day of January, 1962 with the intention of permanently settling in India; or
 - e) a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka and East African Countries of Kenya, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania (formerly Tanganyika and Zanzibar), Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India :

Provided that a person belonging to any of the categories (b), (c), (d) and (e) shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been given by the Government of Punjab in the Department of Home Affairs and Justice.

- (2) A person in whose case a certificate of eligibility is necessary may be admitted to an examination or interview conducted by the Commission or the Board, as the case may be, on his furnishing proof that he has applied for the certificate but he shall not be appointed to the service unless the necessary certificate is given to him by the Government of Punjab in the Department of Home Affairs and Justice.
- (3) No person shall be recruited to the service by direct appointment, unless he produces,
 - a) a certificate of character from the principal academic officer of the university, college, school or institution last attended, if any, and similar certificates from two responsible persons not being his relatives, who are well acquainted with him in his private life and are unconnected with him in his private life and are unconnected with his university, college, school or institution; and
 - b) An affidavit to the effect that he was never convicted for any criminal offence involving moral turpitude and that he was never dismissed or removed from service of any State Government or of Government of India, or of any Public Sector Undertaking.

4. Disqualification.- No person;-

- a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having spouse living ; or
- b) who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person shall be eligible for appointment to the Service :

Provided that the Government, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and that there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

- 5. Age.-**¹ [(1) No person shall be recruited to the Service by direct appointment, if he is less than eighteen years or is more than thirty seven years of age in the case of technical and non-technical posts on the first day of January of the year immediately preceding the last date, fixed for submission of applications by the Commission or the Board, as the case may be.]

Provided that where different lower and upper age limits have been specifically prescribed for posts in the Service Rules, these limits shall be made applicable for appointment to such posts:

Provided further that the upper age limit may be relaxed upto forty-five years in the case of persons already in the employment of the ¹[Punjab Government or any Board, Corporation, Commission or Authority under it,] other State Government or the Government of India.

Provided further that in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and other Backward Classes, the upper age limit shall be such as may be fixed by the Government from time to time.

- (2) In the case of ex-servicemen, the upper age limit shall be such as has been prescribed in the Punjab Recruitment of Ex-servicemen Rules, 1982, as amended from time to time.
- (3) In the case of appointment on compassionate grounds on priority basis, the upper age limit shall be such as may be specifically fixed by the Government from time to time.

- ²[(4) In the case of appointment of a War-hero, who has been discharged from defence services or para-military forces on account of disability suffered by him or his widow or dependent member of his family, the upper age limit shall be such as may be specifically fixed by the Government from time to time]

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.81/Const./Art.309/Amd(10)/99, dated 15th November, 1999.

² Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

³ Rule 5A after rule 5 was inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.20/Const./Art.309/Amd.(10)/2010, dated 24th May, 2010.

³[**5A. Increase in upper age limit.** - Notwithstanding anything contained in rule 5, on and with effect from the commencement of the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Amendment Rules, 2010, where in any other Service rules, or in Government instructions, the upper age limit for appointment to any Service or for any category or persons, if different from thirty-five years, it shall be deemed to have been increased by two years.]

6. Qualification etc.- Subject to the provisions of these rules, the number and character of posts, method of recruitment and educational qualifications and experience for appointment to a post or posts in a Service and the departmental examination, if any, shall be such as may be specified in the Service Rules made for that Service;

¹{Provided that where appointment of ²[Group 'A' or Group 'B' non-technical post is offered to a war-hero, who has been discharged from defence services or paramilitary forces on account of disability suffered by him or his widow or dependent member of his family, under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government, the educational qualification to be possessed by such person shall be graduation from a recognised university. Such person who is offered ²[Group 'A' or Group 'B' or Group 'C'] non- technical post, shall not, however, be required to possess experience of technical or non-technical post at the time of his initial appointment.]

7. Probation.- (1) A person appointed to any post in the service shall remain on probation for a period of ⁴[three] years, if recruited by direct appointment and one year if appointed otherwise:

Provided that.-

- (a) any period, after such appointment, spent on deputation on a corresponding or a higher post shall count towards the period of probation;
- (b) in the case of an appointment by transfer, any period of work on an equivalent or higher rank, prior to appointment to the Service, may in the discretion of the appointing authority, be allowed to count towards the period of probation;

¹ Proviso was added, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.81/Const./Art.309/Amd(11)/99, dated 15th November, 1999.

² Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

³ Rule 5A after rule 5 was inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.20/Const./Art.309/Amd.(10)/2010, dated 24th May, 2010.

⁴ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.56/Const./Art.309/Amd.(18)/2016, dated 5th September, 2016.

- (c) any period of officiating appointment to the Service shall be reckoned as period spent on probation; and
 - (d) any kind of leave not exceeding six months, during or at the end of period of probation, shall be counted towards the period of probation.
- (2) If, in the opinion of the appointing authority, the work or conduct of a person during the period of probation is not satisfactory or if he has failed to pass the departmental examination, if any, prescribed in Service Rules within a period not exceeding ¹[one] and a half years from the date of appointment, it may,-
- (a) if such person is recruited by direct appointment, dispense with his services, or revert him to a post on which he held lien prior to his appointment to the Service by direct appointment; and
 - (b) if such person is appointed otherwise
 - i) revert him to his former post; or
 - ii) deal with him in such other manner as the terms and conditions of the previous appointment permit.
- (3) On the completion of the period of probation of a person, the appointing authority may -
- (a) if his work and conduct has in its opinion been satisfactory -
 - i) confirm such person, from the date of his appointment or from the date he completes his period of probation satisfactorily, if he is not already confirmed; or
 - ii) declare that he has completed his probation satisfactorily, if he is already confirmed; or
 - (b) if his work or conduct has not been in its opinion, satisfactory or if he has failed to pass the departmental examination, if any, specified in the Service Rules -
 - i) dispense with his services, if appointed by direct appointment or if appointed otherwise revert him to his former post, or deal with him in such other manner as the terms and conditions of his previous appointment may permit;
 - ii) extend his period of probation and thereafter pass such order. as it could have passed on the expiry of the period of probation as specified in sub-rule (1):

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.1/Const./Art.309/Amd(14)/2015, dated 23rd February, 2015.

Provided that the total period of probation including extension, if any, shall not exceed three years.

8. Seniority.- The seniority *inter se* of persons appointed to posts in each cadre of a Service shall be determined by the length of continuous service on such post in that cadre of the Service.

Provided that in the case of persons recruited by direct appointment who join within the period specified in the order of appointment or within such period as may be extended from time to time by the appointing authority subject to a maximum of four months from the date of order of appointment the order of merit determined by the Commission or the Board, as the case may be, shall not be disturbed:

Provided further that in case a person is permitted to join the post after the expiry of the said period of four months in consultation with the Commission or the Board, as the case may be, his seniority shall be determined from the date he joins the post:

Provided further that in case any person of the next selection has joined a post in the cadre of the concerned Service before the person referred to in the preceding proviso joins, the person so referred shall be placed below all the persons of the next selection who join within the time specified in the first proviso:

Provided further that in the case of two or more persons appointed on the same date, their seniority shall be determined as follows:-

- a) a person appointed by direct appointment shall be senior to a person appointed otherwise;
- b) a person appointed by promotion shall be senior to a person appointed by transfer;
- c) in the case of persons appointed by promotion or transfer, the seniority shall be determined according to the seniority of such persons in the appointments from which they were promoted or transferred; and
- d) in the case of persons appointed by transfer from different cadres their seniority shall be determined according to pay, preference being given to a person who was drawing a higher rate of pay in his previous appointment; and if the rates of pay drawn are also the same, then by their length of service in these appointments and if the length of service is also the same, an older person shall be senior to a younger person:

¹[Provided further that in the case of persons recruited by direct appointment in the same cadre obtaining equal marks during same selection process, their *inter- se-seniority* shall be determined on the basis of their age. That is, an older person shall be senior to the

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.11/Const./Art.309/Amd.(17)/2016 dated 19th January, 2016.

younger person.]

Note:- Seniority of persons appointed on purely provisional basis or on ad hoc basis shall be determined as and when they are regularly appointed keeping in view the dates of such regular appointment.

9. Liability of members of Service to transfer.- A member of a Service may be transferred to any post whether included in any other service or not, on the same terms and conditions as are specified in rule 3.17 of the Punjab Civil Service Rules, Volume-I, Part I.

10. Liability to serve.- A member of a Service shall be liable to serve at any place, whether within or out of the State of Punjab, on being ordered so to do by the appointing authority.

11. Leave, Pension and other matters.- In respect of pay, leave, pension and all other matters not expressly provided for in these rules, a member of a Service shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may have been or may hereafter be adopted or made by the competent authority.

12. Discipline, penalties and appeals.- (1) In the matter of discipline, punishment and appeals, a member of a Service shall be governed by the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970 as amended from time to time.

2) The authority empowered to impose penalties specified in rule 5 of the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970 and the appellate authority thereunder in respect of the Government employee shall be such as may be specified in the Service Rules.

13. Liability for vaccination and re-vaccination.- Every member of a Service shall get himself vaccinated or re-vaccinated when Punjab Government so directs by a special or general order.

14. Oath of allegiance.- Every member of a Service, unless he has already done so, shall be required to take oath of allegiance to India and to the Constitution of India as by law established.

¹14A. Minimum Educational and other Qualifications for appointment to the post of Senior Assistant by —

Direct Appointment	Promotion
No person shall be given direct appointment to the post of Senior Assistant under the Punjab Government unless he --	From amongst the clerks, who have an experience of working as such for a minimum period

¹ Rule 14A was inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.7/Const./Art./309/Amd.(15)/2015 dated 15th March 2015.

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- (i) Possesses the Bachelor's five years.
Degree from a recognised University or Institution; and
(ii) Qualifies in the competitive test specified by the
appointing authority from time to time; and
(iii) Possesses at least one hundred and twenty hours
course with hands on experience in the use of Personal
Computer or Information Technology in Office
Productivity applications or Desktop Publishing
applications from a Government recognised
institution or a reputed institution, which is
ISO 9001, certified.

OR

Possesses a Computer Information Technology Course
equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of
Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course
(DOEACC) of Government of India.

(2) The person so appointed as Senior Assistant in terms
of the Provisions of sub-rule (1), shall have, before his
appointment, '[passed a test in English and Punjabi,
respectively,] typewriting on computer to be conducted
by the Board or the appointing authority or the
Department of Information Technology, as the case may
be, at a speed of thirty words per minute.'.

Provided that where appointment of Group 'B'
non-technical post is offered to a War Hero, who has been
discharged from Defence Services or dependent member
of his family under the instructions issued in this behalf
by the Government, the educational qualification to be
possessed by such person shall be Graduate from a
recognised University or Institution. However, such
person shall not be required to qualify the test in
Punjabi type-writing as provided in sub-rule (2).

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.69/Const./Art.309/Amd.(16)/2015 dated 24th
December, 2015.

¹[15. Minimum Educational and other qualifications.- (1) (i) No person shall be given direct appointment to the post of Clerk under the Punjab Government unless he possesses the Bachelor's Degree from a recognised University or Institution; and

- (ii) Possesses at least one hundred and twenty hours course with hands on experience in the use of Personal Computer or Information Technology in Office Productivity applications or Desktop Publishing applications from a Government recognised institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001, certified.

OR

Possesses a Computer information Technology course equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course (DOEACC) of Government of India.;

(2) The person so appointed as Clerk in terms of the provisions of sub-rule(1), shall have, before his appointment, ²[passed a test in English and Punjabi, respectively, on computer], to be conducted by the Board or the appointing authority or the Department of Information Technology as the case may be, at a speed of thirty words per minute."

Provided that where appointment of Group 'C' non-technical post is offered to a War Hero, who has been discharged from Defence Services or dependent member of his family under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government, the educational qualification to be possessed by such person shall be Graduate from a recognised University or Institution. However, such person shall not be required to qualify the test in Punjabi type-writing as specified in sub-rule (2).]

³[15A. Minimum Educational and other Qualifications for appointment to the post of Senior Scale Stenographer by —

Direct Appointment	Promotion
No person shall be given direct appointment to the post of Senior Scale Stenographer under the Punjab Government unless he --	(i) From amongst the Junior Scale Stenographers, who have an experience of working as
(i) Possesses the Bachelor's Degree from a recognised University or Institution; and	such for a minimum period of one year.

¹ Rule 15 was Substituted, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.12/Const./Art.309/Amd.(9)/2009, dated 10th February, 2009.

Rule 15 was amended and sub rule (3) was Omitted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.59/Const./Art.309/Amd.(13)/2011, dated 17th August, 2011.

² Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.69/Const./Art.309/Amd.(16)/2015 dated 24th December, 2015.

³ Rule 15A was Inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.7/Const./Art.309/Amd.(15)/2015 dated 15th March, 2015.

- (ii) Qualifies in a Stenography test in four paras (two in Punjabi and two in English language) containing 250 words each as follows :-
- (a) the passage in Punjabi shall be dictated at a speed of 100 words per minute in Punjabi language required to be transcribed these (at typewriter/computer) at a speed of 20 words per minute; and
- (b) the passage in English shall be dictated at a speed of 60 words per minute in English language required to be transcribed these (at typewriter/computer) at the speed of 12 words per minute.
- (iii) The candidates committing not more than 4% mistakes in aggregate and only if he/she qualifies the stenography test in both the languages shall be considered to have qualified the test for appointment as Senior Scale Stenographer".
- (iv) Possesses at least one hundred and twenty hours course with hands on experience in the use of Personal Computer or Information Technology in Office Productivity applications or Desktop Publishing applications from a Government recognised institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001, certified.

OR

Possesses a Computer information Technology course equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course (DOEACC) of Government of India.

- Provided that if the Junior Scale Stenographer is not available then from amongst the Steno typists, who have an experience of working as such for a minimum period of five years; and
- (ii) Qualifies in a stenography test in four paras (two in Punjabi and two in English language) containing 250 words each as follows:-
- (a) the passage in Punjabi shall be dictated at a speed of 100 words per minute in Punjabi language required to be transcribed these (at typewriter/computer) at a speed of 20 words per minute; and
- (b) the passage in English shall be dictated at a speed of 60 words per minute in English language required to be transcribed these (at typewriter/computer) at the speed of 12 words per minute.
- (iii) The candidates committing not more than 4% mistakes in aggregate and only if he / she qualifies the Stenography test in both the languages shall be considered to have qualified the test for promotion as Senior Scale Stenographer."

²[16. Minimum Educational and other Qualifications for appointment to the post of Steno-typist or Junior Scale Stenographer.- No person shall be given direct

¹ Rule 15A was Inserted, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.7/Const./Art.309/Amd.(15)/2015, dated 15th March, 2015.

Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.12/Const./Art.309/Amd.(9)/2009, dated 10th February, 2009.

appointment to the post of Steno-typist or Junior Scale Stenographer under the Punjab Government, unless he -

- (a) Possesses Bachelor's Degree from a recognised University or Institution; and
- (b) Qualifies a test in Punjabi Stenography to be held by the Board or by the appointing authority at a speed specified by the Government from time to time; and
- (c) Possesses at least one hundred and twenty hours course with hands on experience in the use of Personal Computer or Information Technology in Office Productivity applications or Desktop Publishing applications from Government recognised institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001, certified.

OR

Possesses a Computer information Technology Course equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course (DOEACC) of Government of India.]

[17. Knowledge of Punjabi Language.- No person shall be appointed to any post in any service by direct appointment unless he has passed Matriculation examination with Punjabi as one of the compulsory or elective subjects or any other equivalent examination in Punjabi language, which may be specified by the Government from time to time:

Provided that where a person is appointed on compassionate grounds on priority basis under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government from time to time, the person so appointed shall have to pass an examination of Punjabi language equivalent to Matriculation standard or he shall have to qualify a test conducted by the Language Wing of the Department of Education of Punjab Government within a period of six months from the date of his appointment:

Provided further that where educational qualifications for a post in any service are lower than the Matriculation standard, then the person so appointed shall have to pass an examination of Punjabi language equivalent to Middle standard:

Provided further that where a War Hero, who has been discharged from defence services or paramilitary forces on account of disability suffered by him or his widow or dependent member of his family, is appointed under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government, the person so appointed will not be required to possess aforesaid knowledge of Punjabi language:

Provided further that where a ward of Defence Service Personnel, who is a *bona*

¹ Rule 17 was Substituted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.97/Const./Art.309/Amd.(5)/2001, dated 4th September, 2001.

fide resident of Punjab State, is appointed by direct appointment, he shall have to pass an examination of Punjabi Language equivalent to Matriculation Standard or he shall have to qualify a test conducted by the Language Wing of the Department of Education of Punjab Government within a period of two years from the date of his appointment.]

'[18. Promotion to Group 'A' and Group 'B' Services.- (1) (a) For promotion to the post as Head of Department would be decided strictly on the basis of merit-cum-seniority as per the instructions issued by the Government from time to time. The minimum bench mark for promotion for such post would be 'Very Good'. The officer who is graded as 'Outstanding' would supersede the officer graded as 'Very Good'.

(b) For promotion to post falling in Group 'A' other than Head of Department, the minimum benchmark will be 'Very Good' as per the instructions issued by the Government from time to time. There shall be no supersession on the basis of merit.

(c) For promotion to post falling in Group 'B' the minimum benchmark will be 'Good' and there shall be no supersession on the basis of merit.

(2) Debarring for consideration for promotion of a Government employee who refuses to accept promotion.- In the event of refusal to accept promotion by a member of a service, he shall be debarred by the appointing authority from consideration for promotion for all the consecutive chances which may occur in future within a period of two years from the date of such refusal to accept promotion:

Provided that in a case where the appointing authority is satisfied that a member of a service has refused to accept promotion under the circumstances beyond his control, it may exempt such a member for reasons to be recorded therefor in writing from the operation of this rule.]

19. Power to relax.- Where the government is of the opinion that it is necessary to expedient so to do, it may by order, for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.

Provided that the provisions relating to educational qualifications and experience, if any, shall not be relaxed.

20. Over riding effect.- The provisions of these rules shall have effect notwithstanding anything contrary contained in any rules for the time being in force for regulating the recruitment and conditions of service for appointment to public service and posts in connection with the affairs of the State.

¹ Rule 18 was Substituted, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.117/Const./Art.309/Amd.(7)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

21. Interpretation.- If any, question arises as to the interpretation of these rules, the Government shall decide the same.

“APPENDIX”

(See rule 2)

Group ‘A’ : Posts in initial entry revised scales of pay having a maximum of Rs. 11,660 or more;

Provided that all existing Class I posts irrespective of the monetary limits of the pay scales shall be placed in Group ‘A’.

Group ‘B’ : Posts in initial entry revised scales of pay with maximum ranging between Rs. 10,640 to 11,659;

Group ‘C’ : Posts in initial entry revised scales of pay with maximum ranging between Rs. 5,160 to 10,639;

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PART - III

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

(Housing -1 Branch)

NOTIFICATION

The 10th August, 2017

No. G.S.R. 34/Const./Art.309/2017.— In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to make the following rules regulating the recruitment and the conditions of service of the persons appointed to the Punjab Town and Country Planning Group B (Technical) Service, namely:-

RULES

1. Short title, commencement and application.— (1) These rules may be called the Punjab Town and Country Planning Group B (Technical) Service Rules, 2017.

(2) They shall come into force on and with effect from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

(3) They shall apply to all the posts specified in Appendix 'A'.

2. Definitions.— In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) 'Appendix' means an Appendix appended to these rules;

(b) 'Government' means the Government of the State of Punjab in the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

(c) 'Service' means the Punjab Town and Country Planning Group B (Technical) Service.

3. Number and character of posts.— The Service shall comprise the posts as specified in Appendix 'A':

Provided that nothing in these rules shall affect the inherent right of the Government to add to or to reduce the number of posts or to create new posts with different designations and scales of pay, whether permanently or temporarily.

4. Appointing authority.— Appointment to the Service shall be made by the Government.

5. Method of appointment, qualifications and experience.— (1) Appointment to the post in the Service shall be made in the manner as specified in Appendix 'B':

Provided that if no suitable candidate is available for appointment to the Service by promotion either with requisite experience or with two-third part of the requisite experience or by direct recruitment, as the case may be, then appointment to the Service shall be

made by transfer of a person holding an analogous post under the State Government or Government of India.

(2) No person shall be appointed to a post in the Service unless he possesses the qualifications and experience as specified against that post in Appendix 'B':

Provided that if any post in the Service is filled up by transfer, then in such a case qualifications specified for direct recruitment shall apply:

Provided further that if a post in the Service is specified to be filled up exclusively by promotion, then for filling up such a post by transfer, the qualifications specified for promotion shall apply.

(3) Appointment to the Service by promotion shall be made on seniority-cum-merit basis, and no person shall have any right to claim promotion on the basis of seniority alone.

6. Pay of members of Service.— The members of the Service shall be entitled to such scales of pay, as may be authorized by the Government of Punjab in the Department of Finance from time to time. The scales of pay, at present, in force in respect of the members of the Service, are given in Appendix 'A'.

7. Discipline, punishment and appeal.— (1) In the matters of discipline, punishment and appeal, the members of the Service shall be governed by the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970, as amended from time to time.

(2) The authority empowered to impose penalties, as specified in rule 5 of the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970, in respect of the members of the Service, shall be the Government.

8. Application of the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994.— (1) In respect of the matters, which are not specifically provided in these rules, the members of the Service shall be governed by the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994, as amended from time to time.

(2) The Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994, at present in force are contained in Appendix 'C'.

9. Repeal and saving.— The Punjab Town and Country Planning Class III Technical Service Rules, 2001, in so far as they are applicable to the members of the Service, are hereby repealed:

Provided that any order issued or any action taken under the rules so repealed, shall be deemed to have been issued or taken under the corresponding provisions of these rules.

10. Interpretation.— If any question arises as to the interpretation of these rules, the Government, in consultation with the Department of Personnel, shall decide the same.

APPENDIX 'A'

[see rules 1(3), 3 and 6]

Serial Number	Designation of the post	Number of posts			Scale of pay + Grade Pay (in rupees)
		Permanent	Temporary	Total	
1.	Senior Planning Draftsman	23	-	23	10300-34800 +4200
2.	Draftsman	34	-	34	10300-34800 +4200

APPENDIX - 'B'

(See rule 5)

Serial No.	Designation of the Post	Percentage for appointment by		Method, experience and qualification for appointment by	
		Direct Appointment	Promotion	Direct Appointment	Promotion
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Senior Planning Draftsman	-	Hundred percent	-	From amongst the Draftsmen who have a regular experience of working for a minimum period of five years in the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Punjab.
2.	Draftsman	-	Hundred percent	-	From amongst the Junior Draftsmen who have a regular experience of working as such for a minimum period of five years in the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Punjab.

APPENDIX-'C'

(See rule 8)

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL
(PERSONNEL POLICIES-1 BRANCH)**NOTIFICATION**

The 4th May, 1994

NO. G.S.R.33/Const./Art.309/94. - In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution of India, and all other powers enabling in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to make the following rules regulating the recruitment and general and common conditions of service of persons appointed to '[Group 'A', Group 'B' and Group 'C'] services in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab, namely:-

1. Short title, commencement and application.- (1) These rules may be called the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

(3) They shall apply to all the posts in '[Group 'A', Group 'B' and Group 'C'] services in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab.

2. Definitions.- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-

- a) "appointing authority" means an appointing authority specified as such in the Service Rules made under article 309 of the Constitution of India in respect of any service or Post in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab ;
- b) "Board" means the Subordinate Service Selection Board, Punjab or any other authority constituted to perform its functions;
- c) "Commission" means the Punjab Public Service Commission;
- d) "direct appointment" means an appointment made otherwise than by promotion or by transfer of a person already in the service of Government of India or of a State Government;
- e) "Government" means the Government of the State of Punjab in the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms;
- f) "recognised university or institution" means,-
 - i) any university or institution incorporated by law in any of the State of India; or
 - ii) any other university or institution, which is declared by the Government to be recognised university or institution for the purposes of these rules;

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

- g) "1 [Service" means any Group 'A' Service, Group 'B' Service and Group 'C' Service constituted in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab as per scales given in the Appendix;]
- h) "Service Rules" means the service rules made under article 309 of the Constitution of India regulating the recruitment and conditions of service other than the general and common conditions of service of persons appointed to any service or post in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab; and
- ²[i) (i) "War hero" means a defence services personnel, or a para-military forces personnel, who is a *bona fide* resident of Punjab State and has been killed or discharged from service on account of disability suffered by him on or after 1st January, 1999, while fighting in a war declared so by the Government of India, in operations in Kargil or any other sector in J and K in the on going conflict with Pakistan or in any other operations which may be notified by the State Government to have been undertaken for preserving the unity and integrity of the Country; or
- (ii) a defence service personnel or a para-military forces personnel who was a *bona fide* resident of Punjab State and was posthumously decorated with Parmvir Chakra, Mahavir Chakra or Vir Chakra; provided that,-
- a) In exceptional instances, the cases of such War Heroes may also be covered, with the prior approval of the Department of Personnel who though not *bona fide* residents of Punjab State are yet closely connected to the State of Punjab;
- b) In the case of War Heroes, falling in the category (ii) above, the benefits to be given by the State Government will be restricted only to first generation dependent members/next of the kin.

Note:- The Government reserves the right to include any other category of Awardees for the purpose of providing employment to the category of War Heroes, as may be notified.]

3. Nationality, domicile and character of person appointed to the Service.-

- (1) No person shall be appointed to the Service unless he is,-
- a) a Citizen of India; or

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

² Substituted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.34/Const./Art.309/Amd.(7)/2003, dated 12th July, 2003.

- b) a Citizen of Nepal; or
- c) a Subject of Bhutan; or
- d) a Tibetan refugee who came over to India before the 1st day of January, 1962 with the intention of permanently settling in India; or
- e) a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka and East African Countries of Kenya, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania (formerly Tanganyika and Zanzibar), Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India :

Provided that a person belonging to any of the categories (b), (c), (d) and (e) shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been given by the Government of Punjab in the Department of Home Affairs and Justice.

- (2) A person in whose case a certificate of eligibility is necessary may be admitted to an examination or interview conducted by the Commission or the Board, as the case may be, on his furnishing proof that he has applied for the certificate but he shall not be appointed to the service unless the necessary certificate is given to him by the Government of Punjab in the Department of Home Affairs and Justice.
- (3) No person shall be recruited to the service by direct appointment, unless he produces,
 - a) a certificate of character from the principal academic officer of the university, college, school or institution last attended, if any, and similar certificates from two responsible persons not being his relatives, who are well acquainted with him in his private life and are unconnected with him in his private life and are unconnected with his university, college, school or institution; and
 - b) An affidavit to the effect that he was never convicted for any criminal offence involving moral turpitude and that he was never dismissed or removed from service of any State Government or of Government of India, or of any Public Sector Undertaking.

4. Disqualification.- No person;-

- a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having spouse living ; or
- b) who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person shall be eligible for appointment to the Service :

Provided that the Government, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and that there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

- 5. Age.-**¹[(1) No person shall be recruited to the Service by direct appointment, if he is less than eighteen years or is more than thirty seven years of age in the case of technical and non-technical posts on the first day of January of the year immediately preceding the last date, fixed for submission of applications by the Commission or the Board, as the case may be.]

Provided that where different lower and upper age limits have been specifically prescribed for posts in the Service Rules, these limits shall be made applicable for appointment to such posts:

Provided further that the upper age limit may be relaxed upto fortyfive years in the case of persons already in the employment of the ³[Punjab Government or any Board, Corporation, Commission or Authority under it,] other State Government or the Government of India.

Provided further that in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and other Backward Classes, the upper age limit shall be such as may be fixed by the Government from time to time.

- (2) In the case of ex-servicemen, the upper age limit shall be such as has been prescribed in the Punjab Recruitment of Ex-servicemen Rules, 1982, as amended from time to time.
- (3) In the case of appointment on compassionate grounds on priority basis, the upper age limit shall be such as may be specifically fixed by the Government from time to time.

- ²[(4) In the case of appointment of a War-hero, who has been discharged from defence services or para-military forces on account of disability suffered by him or his widow or dependent member of his family, the upper age limit shall be such as may be specifically fixed by the Government from time to time]

¹ Proviso was added, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.81/Const./Art.309/Amd(11)/99, dated 15th November, 1999.

² Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

³ Rule 5A after rule 5 was inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.20/Const./Art.309/Amd.(10)/2010, dated 24th May, 2010.

³[5A. **Increase in upper age limit.** - Notwithstanding anything contained in rule 5, on and with effect from the commencement of the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Amendment Rules, 2010, where in any other Service rules, or in Government instructions, the upper age limit for appointment to any Service or for any category or persons, if different from thirty-five years, it shall be deemed to have been increased by two years.]

6. Qualification etc.- Subject to the provisions of these rules, the number and character of posts, method of recruitment and educational qualifications and experience for appointment to a post or posts in a Service and the departmental examination, if any, shall be such as may be specified in the Service Rules made for that Service;

¹{Provided that where appointment of ²[Group 'A' or Group 'B' non-technical post is offered to a war-hero, who has been discharged from defence services or paramilitary forces on account of disability suffered by him or his widow or dependent member of his family, under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government, the educational qualification to be possessed by such person shall be graduation from a recognised university. Such person who is offered ²[Group 'A' or Group 'B' or Group 'C'] non- technical post, shall not, however, be required to possess experience of technical or non-technical post at the time of his initial appointment.]

7. Probation.- (1) A person appointed to any post in the service shall remain on probation for a period of ⁴[three] years, if recruited by direct appointment and one year if appointed otherwise:

Provided that.-

- (a) any period, after such appointment, spent on deputation on a corresponding or a higher post shall count towards the period of probation;
- (b) in the case of an appointment by transfer, any period of work on an equivalent or higher rank, prior to appointment to the Service, may in the discretion of the appointing authority, be allowed to count towards the period of probation;

¹ Proviso was added, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.81/Const./Art.309/Amd(11)/99, dated 15th November, 1999.

² Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

³ Rule 5A after rule 5 was inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.20/Const./Art.309/Amd.(10)/2010, dated 24th May, 2010.

⁴ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.56/Const./Art.309/Amd.(18)/2016, dated 5th September, 2016.

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- (c) any period of officiating appointment to the Service shall be reckoned as period spent on probation; and
 - (d) any kind of leave not exceeding six months, during or at the end of period of probation, shall be counted towards the period of probation.
- (2) If, in the opinion of the appointing authority, the work or conduct of a person during the period of probation is not satisfactory or if he has failed to pass the departmental examination, if any, prescribed in Service Rules within a period not exceeding ¹[one] and a half years from the date of appointment, it may,-
- (a) if such person is recruited by direct appointment, dispense with his services, or revert him to a post on which he held lien prior to his appointment to the Service by direct appointment; and
 - (b) if such person is appointed otherwise
 - i) revert him to his former post; or
 - ii) deal with him in such other manner as the terms and conditions of the previous appointment permit.
- (3) On the completion of the period of probation of a person, the appointing authority may -
- (a) if his work and conduct has in its opinion been satisfactory -
 - i) confirm such person, from the date of his appointment or from the date he completes his period of probation satisfactorily, if he is not already confirmed; or
 - ii) declare that he has completed his probation satisfactorily, if he is already confirmed; or
 - (b) if his work or conduct has not been in its opinion, satisfactory or if he has failed to pass the departmental examination, if any, specified in the Service Rules—
 - i) dispense with his services, if appointed by direct appointment or if appointed otherwise revert him to his former post, or deal with him in such other manner as the terms and conditions of his previous appointment may permit;
 - ii) extend his period of probation and thereafter pass such order as it could have passed on the expiry of the period of probation as specified in sub-rule (1):

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.1/Const./Art.309/Amd(14)/2015, dated 23rd February, 2015.

Provided that the total period of probation including extension, if any, shall not exceed three years.

8. Seniority.- The seniority *inter se* of persons appointed to posts in each cadre of a Service shall be determined by the length of continuous service on such post in that cadre of the Service.

Provided that in the case of persons recruited by direct appointment who join within the period specified in the order of appointment or within such period as may be extended from time to time by the appointing authority subject to a maximum of four months from the date of order of appointment the order of merit determined by the Commission or the Board, as the case may be, shall not be disturbed:

Provided further that in case a person is permitted to join the post after the expiry of the said period of four months in consultation with the Commission or the Board, as the case may be, his seniority shall be determined from the date he joins the post:

Provided further that in case any person of the next selection has joined a post in the cadre of the concerned Service before the person referred to in the preceding proviso joins, the person so referred shall be placed below all the persons of the next selection who join within the time specified in the first proviso:

Provided further that in the case of two or more persons appointed on the same date, their seniority shall be determined as follows:-

- a) a person appointed by direct appointment shall be senior to a person appointed otherwise;
- b) a person appointed by promotion shall be senior to a person appointed by transfer;
- c) in the case of persons appointed by promotion or transfer, the seniority shall be determined according to the seniority of such persons in the appointments from which they were promoted or transferred; and
- d) in the case of persons appointed by transfer from different cadres their seniority shall be determined according to pay, preference being given to a person who was drawing a higher rate of pay in his previous appointment; and if the rates of pay drawn are also the same, then by their length of service in these appointments and if the length of service is also the same, an older person shall be senior to a younger person:

¹[Provided further that in the case of persons recruited by direct appointment in the same cadre obtaining equal marks during same selection process, their *inter- se-seniority* shall be determined on the basis of their age. That is, an older person shall be senior to the

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.11/Const./Art.309/Amd.(17)/2016 dated 19th January, 2016.

younger person.]

Note:- Seniority of persons appointed on purely provisional basis or on ad hoc basis shall be determined as and when they are regularly appointed keeping in view the dates of such regular appointment.

9. Liability of members of Service to transfer.- A member of a Service may be transferred to any post whether included in any other service or not, on the same terms and conditions as are specified in rule 3.17 of the Punjab Civil Service Rules, Volume-I, Part I.

10. Liability to serve.- A member of a Service shall be liable to serve at any place, whether within or out of the State of Punjab, on being ordered so to do by the appointing authority.

11. Leave, Pension and other matters.- In respect of pay, leave, pension and all other matters not expressly provided for in these rules, a member of a Service shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may have been or may hereafter be adopted or made by the competent authority.

12. Discipline, penalties and appeals.- (1) In the matter of discipline, punishment and appeals, a member of a Service shall be governed by the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970 as amended from time to time.

2) The authority empowered to impose penalties specified in rule 5 of the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970 and the appellate authority thereunder in respect of the Government employee shall be such as may be specified in the Service Rules.

13. Liability for vaccination and re-vaccination.- Every member of a Service shall get himself vaccinated or re-vaccinated when Punjab Government so directs by a special or general order.

14. Oath of allegiance.- Every member of a Service, unless he has already done so, shall be required to take oath of allegiance to India and to the Constitution of India as by law established.

¹14A. Minimum Educational and other Qualifications for appointment to the post of Senior Assistant by —

Direct Appointment	Promotion
No person shall be given direct appointment to the post of Senior Assistant under the Punjab Government unless he --	From amongst the clerks, who have an experience of working as such for a minimum period

¹ Rule 14A was inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.7/Const./Art./309/Amd.(15)/2015 dated 15th March 2015.

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- (i) Possesses the Bachelor's five years.
Degree from a recognised University or Institution; and
- (ii) Qualifies in the competitive test specified by the
appointing authority from time to time; and
- (iii) Possesses at least one hundred and twenty hours
course with hands on experience in the use of Personal
Computer or Information Technology in Office
Productivity applications or Desktop Publishing
applications from a Government recognised
institution or a reputed institution, which is
ISO 9001, certified.

OR

Possesses a Computer Information Technology Course
equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of
Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course
(DOEACC) of Government of India.

(2) The person so appointed as Senior Assistant in terms
of the Provisions of sub-rule (1), shall have, before his
appointment, '[passed a test in English and Punjabi,
respectively,] typewriting on computer to be conducted
by the Board or the appointing authority or the
Department of Information Technology, as the case may
be, at a speed of thirty words per minute.':

Provided that where appointment of Group 'B'
non-technical post is offered to a War Hero, who has been
discharged from Defence Services or dependent member
of his family under the instructions issued in this behalf
by the Government, the educational qualification to be
possessed by such person shall be Graduate from a
recognised University or Institution. However, such
person shall not be required to qualify the test in
Punjabi type-writing as provided in sub-rule (2).

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.69/Const./Art.309/Amd.(16)/2015 dated 24th
December, 2015.

¹[15. Minimum Educational and other qualifications.- (1) (i) No person shall be given direct appointment to the post of Clerk under the Punjab Government unless he possesses the Bachelor's Degree from a recognised University or Institution; and

- (ii) Possesses at least one hundred and twenty hours course with hands on experience in the use of Personal Computer or Information Technology in Office Productivity applications or Desktop Publishing applications from a Government recognised institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001, certified.

OR

Possesses a Computer information Technology course equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course (DOEACC) of Government of India.;

(2) The person so appointed as Clerk in terms of the provisions of sub-rule(1), shall have, before his appointment, ²(passed a test in English and Punjabi, respectively, on computer), to be conducted by the Board or the appointing authority or the Department of Information Technology as the case may be, at a speed of thirty words per minute."

Provided that where appointment of Group 'C' non-technical post is offered to a War Hero, who has been discharged from Defence Services or dependent member of his family under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government, the educational qualification to be possessed by such person shall be Graduate from a recognised University or Institution. However, such person shall not be required to qualify the test in Punjabi type-writing as specified in sub-rule (2).]

³[15A. Minimum Educational and other Qualifications for appointment to the post of Senior Scale Stenographer by —

Direct Appointment	Promotion
No person shall be given direct appointment to the post of Senior Scale Stenographer under the Punjab Government unless he -- (i) Possesses the Bachelor's Degree from a recognised University or Institution; and	(i) From amongst the Junior Scale Stenographers, who have an experience of working as such for a minimum period of one year.

¹ Rule 15 was Substituted, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.12/Const./Art.309/Amd.(9)/2009, dated 10th February, 2009.

Rule 15 was amended and sub rule (3) was Omitted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.59/Const./Art.309/Amd.(13)/2011, dated 17th August, 2011.

² Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.69/Const./Art.309/Amd.(16)/2015 dated 24th December, 2015.

³ Rule 15A was Inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.7/Const./Art.309/Amd.(15)/2015 dated 15th March, 2015.

(ii) Qualifies in a Stenography test in four paras (two in Punjabi and two in English language) containing 250 words each as follows :-

(a) the passage in Punjabi shall be dictated at a speed of 100 words per minute in Punjabi language required to be transcribed these (at typewriter/computer) at a speed of 20 words per minute; and

(b) the passage in English shall be dictated at a speed of 60 words per minute in English language required to be transcribed these (at typewriter/computer) at the speed of 12 words per minute.

(iii) The candidates committing not more than 4% mistakes in aggregate and only if he/she qualifies the stenography test in both the languages shall be considered to have qualified the test for appointment as Senior Scale Stenographer".

(iv) Possesses at least one hundred and twenty hours course with hands on experience in the use of Personal Computer or Information Technology in Office Productivity applications or Desktop Publishing applications from a Government recognised institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001, certified.

OR

Possesses a Computer information Technology course equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course (DOEACC) of Government of India.

Provided that if the Junior Scale Stenographer is not available then from amongst the Steno typists, who have an experience of working as such for a minimum period of five years; and (ii) Qualifies in a stenography test in four paras (two in Punjabi and two in English language) containing 250 words each as follows:-

(a) the passage in Punjabi shall be dictated at a speed of 100 words per minute in Punjabi language required to be transcribed these (at typewriter/computer) at a speed of 20 words per minute; and

(b) the passage in English shall be dictated at a speed of 60 words per minute in English language required to be transcribed these (at typewriter/computer) at the speed of 12 words per minute.

(iii) The candidates committing not more than 4% mistakes in aggregate and only if he / she qualifies the Stenography test in both the languages shall be considered to have qualified the test for promotion as Senior Scale Stenographer."

¶16. Minimum Educational and other Qualifications for appointment to the post of Steno-typist or Junior Scale Stenographer.- No person shall be given direct

Rule 15A was Inserted, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.7/Const./Art.309/Amd.(15)/2015, dated 15th March, 2015.

Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.12/Const./Art.309/Amd.(9)/2009, dated 10th February, 2009.

appointment to the post of Steno-typist or Junior Scale Stenographer under the Punjab Government, unless he -

- (a) Possesses Bachelor's Degree from a recognised University or Institution; and
- (b) Qualifies a test in Punjabi Stenography to be held by the Board or by the appointing authority at a speed specified by the Government from time to time; and
- (c) Possesses at least one hundred and twenty hours course with hands on experience in the use of Personal Computer or Information Technology in Office Productivity applications or Desktop Publishing applications from Government recognised institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001, certified.

OR

Possesses a Computer information Technology Course equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course (DOEACC) of Government of India.

[17. Knowledge of Punjabi Language.- No person shall be appointed to any post in any service by direct appointment unless he has passed Matriculation examination with Punjabi as one of the compulsory or elective subjects or any other equivalent examination in Punjabi language, which may be specified by the Government from time to time:

Provided that where a person is appointed on compassionate grounds on priority basis under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government from time to time, the person so appointed shall have to pass an examination of Punjabi language equivalent to Matriculation standard or he shall have to qualify a test conducted by the Language Wing of the Department of Education of Punjab Government within a period of six months from the date of his appointment:

Provided further that where educational qualifications for a post in any service are lower than the Matriculation standard, then the person so appointed shall have to pass an examination of Punjabi language equivalent to Middle standard:

Provided further that where a War Hero, who has been discharged from defence services or paramilitary forces on account of disability suffered by him or his widow or dependent member of his family, is appointed under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government, the person so appointed will not be required to possess aforesaid knowledge of Punjabi language:

Provided further that where a ward of Defence Service Personnel, who is a *bona*

¹ Rule 17 was Substituted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.97/Const./Art.309/Amd.(5)/2001, dated 4th September, 2001.

fide resident of Punjab State, is appointed by direct appointment, he shall have to pass an examination of Punjabi Language equivalent to Matriculation Standard or he shall have to qualify a test conducted by the Language Wing of the Department of Education of Punjab Government within a period of two years from the date of his appointment.]

'[18. Promotion to Group 'A' and Group 'B' Services.- (1) (a) For promotion to the post as Head of Department would be decided strictly on the basis of merit-cum-seniority as per the instructions issued by the Government from time to time. The minimum bench mark for promotion for such post would be 'Very Good'. The officer who is graded as 'Outstanding' would supersede the officer graded as 'Very Good'.

(b) For promotion to post falling in Group 'A' other than Head of Department, the minimum benchmark will be 'Very Good' as per the instructions issued by the Government from time to time. There shall be no supersession on the basis of merit.

(c) For promotion to post falling in Group 'B' the minimum benchmark will be 'Good' and there shall be no supersession on the basis of merit.

(2) Debarring for consideration for promotion of a Government employee who refuses to accept promotion.- In the event of refusal to accept promotion by a member of a service, he shall be debarred by the appointing authority from consideration for promotion for all the consecutive chances which may occur in future within a period of two years from the date of such refusal to accept promotion:

Provided that in a case where the appointing authority is satisfied that a member of a service has refused to accept promotion under the circumstances beyond his control, it may exempt such a member for reasons to be recorded therefor in writing from the operation of this rule.]

19. Power to relax.- Where the government is of the opinion that it is necessary to expedient so to do, it may by order, for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.

Provided that the provisions relating to educational qualifications and experience, if any, shall not be relaxed.

20. Over riding effect.- The provisions of these rules shall have effect notwithstanding anything contrary contained in any rules for the time being in force for regulating the recruitment and conditions of service for appointment to public service and posts in connection with the affairs of the State.

¹ Rule 18 was Substituted, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.117/Const./Art.309/Amd.(7)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

21. Interpretation.- If any, question arises as to the interpretation of these rules, the Government shall decide the same.

“APPENDIX”

(See rule 2)

- Group ‘A’ : Posts in initial entry revised scales of pay having a maximum of Rs. 11,660 or more;
Provided that all existing Class I posts irrespective of the monetary limits of the pay scales shall be placed in Group ‘A’.
- Group ‘B’ : Posts in initial entry revised scales of pay with maximum ranging between Rs. 10,640 to 11,659;
- Group ‘C’ : Posts in initial entry revised scales of pay with maximum ranging between Rs. 5,160 to 10,639;

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PART III
GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(Housing -1 Branch)
NOTIFICATION

The 10th August, 2017

No. G.S.R.35/Const./Art.309/2017.— In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to make the following rules regulating the recruitment and the conditions of service of the persons appointed to the Punjab Town and Country Planning Group C (Ministerial) Service, namely:-

RULES

- 1. Short title, commencement and application.**— (1) These Rules may be called the Punjab Town and Country Planning Group C (Ministerial) Service Rules, 2017.
(2) They shall come into force on and with effect from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
(3) They shall apply to all the posts specified in Appendix 'A'.
- 2. Definitions.**— In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 - (a) 'Appendix' means an Appendix appended to these rules;
 - (b) 'Director' means the Director, Town and Country Planning, Punjab as the Director is the head of directorate of the Town and Country Planning;
 - (c) 'Government' means the Government of the State of Punjab in the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
 - (d) 'Service' means the Punjab Town and Country Planning Group C (Ministerial) Service.
- 3. Number and character of posts.**— The Service shall comprise the posts as specified in Appendix 'A':

Provided that nothing in these rules shall affect the inherent right of the Government to add to or to reduce the number of posts or to create new posts with different designations and scales of pay, whether permanently or temporarily.
- 4. Appointing authority.**— Appointment to the Service shall be made by the Director.
- 5. Method of appointment, qualifications and experience.**— (1) Appointment to the post in the Service shall be made in the manner as specified in Appendix 'B':

Provided that if no suitable candidate is available for appointment to the Service

by promotion either with requisite experience or with two-third part of the requisite experience or by direct recruitment, as the case may be, then appointment to the Service may be made by transfer of a person holding analogous post under the State Government or Government of India.

(2) No person shall be appointed to a post in the Service unless he possesses the qualifications and experience as specified against that post in Appendix 'B':

Provided that if any post in the Service is filled up by transfer, then in such a case qualifications specified for direct recruitment shall apply :

Provided further that if a post in the Service is specified to be filled up exclusively by promotion, then for filling up such a post by transfer, the qualifications specified for promotion shall apply.

(3) Appointment to the Service by promotion shall be made on seniority-cum-merit basis and no person shall have any right to claim promotion on the basis of seniority alone.

6. Pay of members of Service.— The members of the Service shall be entitled to such scales of pay, as may be authorized by the Government of Punjab in the Department of Finance from time to time. The scales of pay, at present, in force in respect of the members of the Service are given in Appendix 'A'.

7. Discipline, punishment and appeal.— (1) In the matters of discipline, punishment and appeal, the members of the Service shall be governed by the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970, as amended from time to time.

(2) The authority empowered to impose penalties, as specified in rule 5 of the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970 and the appellate authority thereunder, in respect of the members of the Service, shall be the Director and the Government respectively.

8. Application of the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994.— (1) In respect of the matters, which are not specifically provided in these rules, the members of the Service shall be governed by the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994, as amended from time to time.

(2) The Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994, at present in force are contained in Appendix 'C'.

9. Repeal and saving.— The Punjab Town and Country Planning (Ministerial) Class III Service Rule, 2000, in so far as they are applicable to the members of the Service, are hereby repealed:

Provided that any order issued or any action taken under the rules so repealed, shall be deemed to have been issued or taken under the corresponding provisions of these rules.

- 10. Interpretation.**— If any question arises as to the interpretation of these rules, the Government, in consultation with the Department of Personnel, shall decide the same.

APPENDIX 'A'

[see rules 1(3), 3 and 6]

Serial Number	Designation of the post	Number of posts			Scale of pay + Grade Pay (in rupees)
		Permanent	Temporary	Total	
1	1	3	4	5	6
1.	Clerk	56	-	56	10300-34800 +3200
2.	Junior Scale Stenographer	22	-	22	10300-34800 +3600
3.	Steno typist	30	-	30	10300-34800 +3200
4.	Restorer-cum- Dafti	2	-	2	5910-20200 +2400

Appendix-'B'

(See rule 5)

Serial. No.	Designation of the Post	Percentage for appointment by		Method, qualification and experience for appointment by	
		Direct Appointment	Promotion	Direct Appointment	Promotion
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Clerk	Eighty-five per cent	fifteen per cent	As specified in the 'Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994 for the post of Clerk as amended from time to time.	(i) From amongst the Group C employees (whose pay scale is less than the pay scale of Clerk) having a regular experience of working as such for a minimum period of two years or Group D employees, having a regular experience of working as such for a minimum period of five years, in the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Punjab and must possess educational qualification of Matriculation (with Punjabi Language); (ii) Qualifies a typing test in English and Punjabi, on computer to be conducted by the appointing authority or Department of Information Technology at a speed of thirty words per minute; (iii) The probation shall be cleared only after possessing a course of at least one hundred and twenty hours with

hands on experience in the use of Personal Computer or Information Technology in Office Productivity applications or Desktop publishing applications from Government recognized institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001 certified:

Provided that the date of eligibility of an employee (inter-se seniority) for the promotion to the post of Clerk shall be determined according to pay being drawn by the employee, preference being given to a person who was drawing a higher rate of pay in his previous appointment; and if the rate of pay drawn is also the same, then by their length of service in post held by the employee; and if the length of such service is also the same, an older person shall be considered as senior to a younger person.

2.	Junior Scale Stenographer	-	Hundred per cent	-	(i) From amongst the Steno-typists who have a regular experience of working as such for a minimum period of three years in Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Punjab; and
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					(ii) Should have passed a Stenography test in Punjabi and English language to be conducted by the appointing authority at a speed to be specified by the Punjab Government from time to time.
3.	Steno-typist	Hundred per cent	-	As specified in the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994 for the post of Steno-typist, as amended from time to time.	-
4.	Restorer-cum-Daftri	-	Hundred per cent	-	(i) From amongst the Group D employees, who have passed Matriculation examination or its equivalent with Punjabi language from a recognized Board or institution; and (ii) Who have a regular experience of working as such for a minimum period of three years, in the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Punjab.

APPENDIX-'C'

(See rule 8)

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL
(PERSONNEL POLICIES-1 BRANCH)

NOTIFICATION

The 4th May, 1994

NO. G.S.R.33/Const./Art.309/94. - In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution of India, and all other powers enabling in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to make the following rules regulating the recruitment and general and common conditions of service of persons appointed to '[Group 'A', Group 'B' and Group 'C'] services in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab, namely:-

1. Short title, commencement and application.- (1) These rules may be called the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

(3) They shall apply to all the posts in '[Group 'A', Group 'B' and Group 'C'] services in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab.

2. Definitions.- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-

- a) "appointing authority" means an appointing authority specified as such in the Service Rules made under article 309 of the Constitution of India in respect of any service or Post in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab ;
- b) "Board" means the Subordinate Service Selection Board, Punjab or any other authority constituted to perform its functions;
- c) "Commission" means the Punjab Public Service Commission;
- d) "direct appointment" means an appointment made otherwise than by promotion or by transfer of a person already in the service of Government of India or of a State Government;
- e) "Government" means the Government of the State of Punjab in the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms;
- f) "recognised university or institution" means,-
 - i) any university or institution incorporated by law in any of the State of India; or
 - ii) any other university or institution, which is declared by the Government to be recognised university or institution for the purposes of these rules;

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

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- g) "1 [Service" means any Group 'A' Service, Group 'B' Service and Group 'C' Service constituted in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab as per scales given in the Appendix;]
- h) "Service Rules" means the service rules made under article 309 of the Constitution of India regulating the recruitment and conditions of service other than the general and common conditions of service of persons appointed to any service or post in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab; and
- ²[i) (i) "War hero" means a defence services personnel, or a para-military forces personnel, who is a *bona fide* resident of Punjab State and has been killed or discharged from service on account of disability suffered by him on or after 1st January, 1999, while fighting in a war declared so by the Government of India, in operations in Kargil or any other sector in J & K in the on going conflict with Pakistan or in any other operations which may be notified by the State Government to have been undertaken for preserving the unity and integrity of the Country; or
- (ii) a defence service personnel or a para-military forces personnel who was a *bona fide* resident of Punjab State and was posthumously decorated with Parm Vir Chakra, Mahavir Chakra or Vir Chakra; provided that,-
- a) In exceptional instances, the cases of such War Heroes may also be covered, with the prior approval of the Department of Personnel who though not *bona fide* residents of Punjab State are yet closely connected to the State of Punjab;
- b) In the case of War Heroes, falling in the category (ii) above, the benefits to be given by the State Government will be restricted only to first generation dependent members/next of the kin.

Note:- The Government reserves the right to include any other category of Awardees for the purpose of providing employment to the category of War Heroes, as may be notified.]

3. Nationality, domicile and character of person appointed to the Service.-

- (1) No person shall be appointed to the Service unless he is,-
- a) a Citizen of India; or

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

² Substituted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.34/Const./Art.309/Amd.(7)/2003, dated 12th July, 2003.

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- b) a Citizen of Nepal; or
 - c) a Subject of Bhutan; or
 - d) a Tibetan refugee who came over to India before the 1st day of January, 1962 with the intention of permanently settling in India; or
 - e) a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka and East African Countries of Kenya, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania (formerly Tanganyika and Zanzibar), Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India :

Provided that a person belonging to any of the categories (b), (c), (d) and (e) shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been given by the Government of Punjab in the Department of Home Affairs and Justice.

- (2) A person in whose case a certificate of eligibility is necessary may be admitted to an examination or interview conducted by the Commission or the Board, as the case may be, on his furnishing proof that he has applied for the certificate but he shall not be appointed to the service unless the necessary certificate is given to him by the Government of Punjab in the Department of Home Affairs and Justice.
- (3) No person shall be recruited to the service by direct appointment, unless he produces,
 - a) a certificate of character from the principal academic officer of the university, college, school or institution last attended, if any, and similar certificates from two responsible persons not being his relatives, who are well acquainted with him in his private life and are unconnected with him in his private life and are unconnected with his university, college, school or institution; and
 - b) An affidavit to the effect that he was never convicted for any criminal offence involving moral turpitude and that he was never dismissed or removed from service of any State Government or of Government of India, or of any Public Sector Undertaking.

4. Disqualification.- No person;-

- a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having spouse living ; or
- b) who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person shall be eligible for appointment to the Service :

Provided that the Government, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and that there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

- 5. Age.-**¹[(1) No person shall be recruited to the Service by direct appointment, if he is less than eighteen years or is more than thirty seven years of age in the case of technical and non-technical posts on the first day of January of the year immediately preceding the last date, fixed for submission of applications by the Commission or the Board, as the case may be.]

Provided that where different lower and upper age limits have been specifically prescribed for posts in the Service Rules, these limits shall be made applicable for appointment to such posts:

Provided further that the upper age limit may be relaxed upto forty-five years in the case of persons already in the employment of the³[Punjab Government or any Board, Corporation, Commission or Authority under it,] other State Government or the Government of India.

Provided further that in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and other Backward Classes, the upper age limit shall be such as may be fixed by the Government from time to time.

- (2) In the case of ex-servicemen, the upper age limit shall be such as has been prescribed in the Punjab Recruitment of Ex-servicemen Rules, 1982, as amended from time to time.
- (3) In the case of appointment on compassionate grounds on priority basis, the upper age limit shall be such as may be specifically fixed by the Government from time to time.

- ²[(4) In the case of appointment of a War-hero, who has been discharged from defence services or para-military forces on account of disability suffered by him or his widow or dependent member of his family, the upper age limit shall be such as may be specifically fixed by the Government from time to time]

¹Proviso was added, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R. 81/Const./Art.309/Amd(11)/99, dated 15th November, 1999.

²Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R. 115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6) /2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

³ Rule 5A after rule 5 was inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R. 20/Const./Art.309/Amd.(10)/2010, dated 24th May, 2010.

³[**5A. Increase in upper age limit.** - Notwithstanding anything contained in rule 5, on and with effect from the commencement of the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Amendment Rules, 2010, where in any other Service rules, or in Government instructions, the upper age limit for appointment to any Service or for any category or persons, if different from thirty-five years, it shall be deemed to have been increased by two years.]

6. Qualification etc.- Subject to the provisions of these rules, the number and character of posts, method of recruitment and educational qualifications and experience for appointment to a post or posts in a Service and the departmental examination, if any, shall be such as may be specified in the Service Rules made for that Service;

¹{Provided that where appointment of ²[Group 'A' or Group 'B'] non-technical post is offered to a war-hero, who has been discharged from defence services or paramilitary forces on account of disability suffered by him or his widow or dependent member of his family, under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government, the educational qualification to be possessed by such person shall be graduation from a recognised university. Such person who is offered ²[Group 'A' or Group 'B' or Group 'C'] non- technical post, shall not, however, be required to possess experience of technical or non-technical post at the time of his initial appointment. }

7. Probation.- (1) A person appointed to any post in the service shall remain on probation for a period of ⁴[three] years, if recruited by direct appointment and one year if appointed otherwise:

Provided that.-

- (a) any period, after such appointment, spent on deputation on a corresponding or a higher post shall count towards the period of probation;
- (b) in the case of an appointment by transfer, any period of work on an equivalent or higher rank, prior to appointment to the Service, may in the discretion of the appointing authority, be allowed to count towards the period of probation;

¹ Proviso was added, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.81/Const./Art.309/Amd(11)/99, dated 15th November, 1999.

² Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

³ Rule 5A after rule 5 was inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.20/Const./Art.309/Amd.(10)/2010, dated 24th May, 2010.

⁴ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.56/Const./Art.309/Amd.(18)/2016, dated 5th September, 2016.

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- (c) any period of officiating appointment to the Service shall be reckoned as period spent on probation; and
 - (d) any kind of leave not exceeding six months, during or at the end of period of probation, shall be counted towards the period of probation.
- (2) If, in the opinion of the appointing authority, the work or conduct of a person during the period of probation is not satisfactory or if he has failed to pass the departmental examination, if any, prescribed in Service Rules within a period not exceeding ¹[one] and a half years from the date of appointment, it may,-
- (a) if such person is recruited by direct appointment, dispense with his services, or revert him to a post on which he held lien prior to his appointment to the Service by direct appointment; and
 - (b) if such person is appointed otherwise-
 - i) revert him to his former post; or
 - ii) deal with him in such other manner as the terms and conditions of the previous appointment permit.
- (3) On the completion of the period of probation of a person, the appointing authority may -
- (a) if his work and conduct has in its opinion been satisfactory -
 - i) confirm such person, from the date of his appointment or from the date he completes his period of probation satisfactorily, if he is not already confirmed; or
 - ii) declare that he has completed his probation satisfactorily, if he is already confirmed; or
 - (b) if his work or conduct has not been in its opinion, satisfactory or if he has failed to pass the departmental examination, if any, specified in the Service Rules -
 - i) dispense with his services, if appointed by direct appointment or if appointed otherwise revert him to his former post, or deal with him in such other manner as the terms and conditions of his previous appointment may permit;
 - ii) extend his period of probation and thereafter pass such order. as it could have passed on the expiry of the period of probation as specified in sub-rule (1):

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.1/Const./Art.309/Amd(14)/2015, dated 23rd February, 2015.

Provided that the total period of probation including extension, if any, shall not exceed three years.

8. Seniority.- The seniority *inter se* of persons appointed to posts in each cadre of a Service shall be determined by the length of continuous service on such post in that cadre of the Service.

Provided that in the case of persons recruited by direct appointment who join within the period specified in the order of appointment or within such period as may be extended from time to time by the appointing authority subject to a maximum of four months from the date of order of appointment the order of merit determined by the Commission or the Board, as the case may be, shall not be disturbed:

Provided further that in case a person is permitted to join the post after the expiry of the said period of four months in consultation with the Commission or the Board, as the case may be, his seniority shall be determined from the date he joins the post:

Provided further that in case any person of the next selection has joined a post in the cadre of the concerned Service before the person referred to in the preceding proviso joins, the person so referred shall be placed below all the persons of the next selection who join within the time specified in the first proviso:

Provided further that in the case of two or more persons appointed on the same date, their seniority shall be determined as follows:-

- a) a person appointed by direct appointment shall be senior to a person appointed otherwise;
- b) a person appointed by promotion shall be senior to a person appointed by transfer;
- c) in the case of persons appointed by promotion or transfer, the seniority shall be determined according to the seniority of such persons in the appointments from which they were promoted or transferred; and
- d) in the case of persons appointed by transfer from different cadres their seniority shall be determined according to pay, preference being given to a person who was drawing a higher rate of pay in his previous appointment; and if the rates of pay drawn are also the same, then by their length of service in these appointments and if the length of service is also the same, an older person shall be senior to a younger person:

¹[Provided further that in the case of persons recruited by direct appointment in the same cadre obtaining equal marks during same selection process, their *inter- se-seniority* shall be determined on the basis of their age. That is, an older person shall be senior to the

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.11/Const./Art.309/Amd.(17)/2016 dated 19th January, 2016.

younger person.]

Note:- Seniority of persons appointed on purely provisional basis or on ad hoc basis shall be determined as and when they are regularly appointed keeping in view the dates of such regular appointment.

9. Liability of members of Service to transfer.- A member of a Service may be transferred to any post whether included in any other service or not, on the same terms and conditions as are specified in rule 3.17 of the Punjab Civil Service Rules, Volume-I, Part I.

10. Liability to serve.- A member of a Service shall be liable to serve at any place, whether within or out of the State of Punjab, on being ordered so to do by the appointing authority.

11. Leave, Pension and other matters.- In respect of pay, leave, pension and all other matters not expressly provided for in these rules, a member of a Service shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may have been or may hereafter be adopted or made by the competent authority.

12. Discipline, penalties and appeals.- (1) In the matter of discipline, punishment and appeals, a member of a Service shall be governed by the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970 as amended from time to time.

(2) The authority empowered to impose penalties specified in rule 5 of the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970 and the appellate authority thereunder in respect of the Government employee shall be such as may be specified in the Service Rules.

13. Liability for vaccination and re-vaccination.- Every member of a Service shall get himself vaccinated or re-vaccinated when Punjab Government so directs by a special or general order.

14. Oath of allegiance.- Every member of a Service, unless he has already done so, shall be required to take oath of allegiance to India and to the Constitution of India as by law established.

¹14A. Minimum Educational and other Qualifications for appointment to the post of Senior Assistant by. —

Direct Appointment	Promotion
No person shall be given direct appointment to the post of Senior Assistant under the Punjab Government unless he --	From amongst the clerks, who have an experience of working as such for a minimum period

¹ Rule 14A was inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.7/Const./Art./309/Amd.(15)/2015 dated 15th March 2015.

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- (i) Possesses the Bachelor's Degree from a five years.
recognised University or Institution; and
(ii) Qualifies in the competitive test specified by the
appointing authority from time to time; and
(iii) Possesses at least one hundred and twenty hours
course with hands on experience in the use of Personal
Computer or Information Technology in Office
Productivity applications or Desktop Publishing
applications from a Government recognised
institution or a reputed institution, which is
ISO 9001, certified.

OR

Possesses a Computer Information Technology Course
equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of
Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course
(DOEACC) of Government of India.

(2) The person so appointed as Senior Assistant in terms
of the Provisions of sub-rule (1), shall have, before his
appointment, '[passed a test in English and Punjabi,
respectively,] typewriting on computer to be conducted
by the Board or the appointing authority or the
Department of Information Technology, as the case may
be, at a speed of thirty words per minute.'".

Provided that where appointment of Group 'B'
non-technical post is offered to a War Hero, who has been
discharged from Defence Services or dependent member
of his family under the instructions issued in this behalf
by the Government, the educational qualification to be
possessed by such person shall be Graduate from a
recognised University or Institution. However, such
person shall not be required to qualify the test in
Punjabi type-writing as provided in sub-rule (2).

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.69/Const./Art.309/Amd.(16)/2015 dated 24th
December, 2015.

¹[15. Minimum Educational and other qualifications.- (1) (i) No person shall be given direct appointment to the post of Clerk under the Punjab Government unless he possesses the Bachelor's Degree from a recognised University or Institution; and

- (ii) Possesses at least one hundred and twenty hours course with hands on experience in the use of Personal Computer or Information Technology in Office Productivity applications or Desktop Publishing applications from a Government recognised institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001, certified.

OR

Possesses a Computer information Technology course equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course (DOEACC) of Government of India.;

(2) The person so appointed as Clerk in terms of the provisions of sub-rule(1), shall have, before his appointment, ²[passed a test in English and Punjabi, respectively, on computer], to be conducted by the Board or the appointing authority or the Department of Information Technology as the case may be, at a speed of thirty words per minute."

Provided that where appointment of Group 'C' non-technical post is offered to a War Hero, who has been discharged from Defence Services or dependent member of his family under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government, the educational qualification to be possessed by such person shall be Graduate from a recognised University or Institution. However, such person shall not be required to qualify the test in Punjabi type-writing as specified in sub-rule (2).]

³[15A. Minimum Educational and other Qualifications for appointment to the post of Senior Scale Stenographer by. —

Direct Appointment	Promotion
No person shall be given direct appointment to the post of Senior Scale Stenographer under the Punjab Government unless he --	(i) From amongst the Junior Scale Stenographers, who have an experience of working as
(i) Possesses the Bachelor's Degree from a recognised University or Institution; and	such for a minimum period of one year.

¹ Rule 15 was Substituted, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.12/Const./Art.309/Amd.(9)/2009, dated 10th February, 2009.

Rule 15 was amended and sub rule (3) was Omitted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.59/Const./Art.309/Amd.(13)/2011, dated 17th August, 2011.

² Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.69/Const./Art.309/Amd.(16)/2015 dated 24th December, 2015.

³ Rule 15A was Inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.7/Const./Art.309/Amd.(15)/2015 dated 15th March, 2015.

(ii) Qualifies in a Stenography test in four paras (two in Punjabi and two in English language) containing 250 words each as follows :-

(a) the passage in Punjabi shall be dictated at a speed of 100 words per minute in Punjabi language required to be transcribed these (at typewriter/computer) at a speed of 20 words per minute; and

(b) the passage in English shall be dictated at a speed of 60 words per minute in English language required to be transcribed these (at typewriter/computer) at the speed of 12 words per minute.

(iii) The candidates committing not more than 4% mistakes in aggregate and only if he/she qualifies the stenography test in both the languages shall be considered to have qualified the test for appointment as Senior Scale Stenographer".

(iv) Possesses at least one hundred and twenty hours course with hands on experience in the use of Personal Computer or Information Technology in Office Productivity applications or Desktop Publishing applications from a Government recognised institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001, certified.

OR

Possesses a Computer information Technology course equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course (DOEACC) of Government of India.

Provided that if the Junior Scale Stenographer is not available then from amongst the Steno typists, who have an experience of working as such for a minimum period of five years; and (ii) Qualifies in a stenography test in four paras (two in Punjabi and two in English language) containing 250 words each as follows:-

(a) the passage in Punjabi shall be dictated at a speed of 100 words per minute in Punjabi language required to be transcribed these (at typewriter/computer) at a speed of 20 words per minute; and

(b) the passage in English shall be dictated at a speed of 60 words per minute in English language required to be transcribed these (at typewriter/computer) at the speed of 12 words per minute.

(iii) The candidates committing not more than 4% mistakes in aggregate and only if he / she qualifies the Stenography test in both the languages shall be considered to have qualified the test for promotion as Senior Scale Stenographer."

²[16. Minimum Educational and other Qualifications for appointment to the post of Steno-typist or Junior Scale Stenographer- No person shall be given direct

¹ Rule 15A was Inserted, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.7/Const./Art.309/Amd.(15)/2015, dated 15th March, 2015.

² Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.12/Const./Art.309/Amd.(9)/2009, dated 10th February, 2009.

appointment to the post of Steno-typist or Junior Scale Stenographer under the Punjab Government, unless he -

- (a) Possesses Bachelor's Degree from a recognised University or Institution; and
- (b) Qualifies a test in Punjabi Stenography to be held by the Board or by the appointing authority at a speed specified by the Government from time to time; and
- (c) Possesses at least one hundred and twenty hours course with hands on experience in the use of Personal Computer or Information Technology in Office Productivity applications or Desktop Publishing applications from Government recognised institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001, certified.

OR

Possesses a Computer information Technology Course equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course (DOEACC) of Government of India.]

[17. Knowledge of Punjabi Language.- No person shall be appointed to any post in any service by direct appointment unless he has passed Matriculation examination with Punjabi as one of the compulsory or elective subjects or any other equivalent examination in Punjabi language, which may be specified by the Government from time to time:

Provided that where a person is appointed on compassionate grounds on priority basis under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government from time to time, the person so appointed shall have to pass an examination of Punjabi language equivalent to Matriculation standard or he shall have to qualify a test conducted by the Language Wing of the Department of Education of Punjab Government within a period of six months from the date of his appointment:

Provided further that where educational qualifications for a post in any service are lower than the Matriculation standard, then the person so appointed shall have to pass an examination of Punjabi language equivalent to Middle standard:

Provided further that where a War Hero, who has been discharged from defence services or paramilitary forces on account of disability suffered by him or his widow or dependent member of his family, is appointed under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government, the person so appointed will not be required to possess aforesaid knowledge of Punjabi language:

Provided further that where a ward of Defence Service Personnel, who is a

¹ Rule 17 was Substituted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.97/Const./Art.309/Amd.(5)/2001, dated 4th September, 2001.

bona fide resident of Punjab State, is appointed by direct appointment, he shall have to pass an examination of Punjabi Language equivalent to Matriculation Standard or he shall have to qualify a test conducted by the Language Wing of the Department of Education of Punjab Government within a period of two years from the date of his appointment.]

'[18. Promotion to Group 'A' and Group 'B' Services.- (1) (a) For promotion to the post as Head of Department would be decided strictly on the basis of merit-cum-seniority as per the instructions issued by the Government from time to time. The minimum bench mark for promotion for such post would be 'Very Good'. The officer who is graded as 'Outstanding' would supersede the officer graded as 'Very Good'.

(b) For promotion to post falling in Group 'A' other than Head of Department, the minimum benchmark will be 'Very Good' as per the instructions issued by the Government from time to time. There shall be no supersession on the basis of merit.

(c) For promotion to post falling in Group 'B' the minimum benchmark will be 'Good' and there shall be no supersession on the basis of merit.

(2) Debarring for consideration for promotion of a Government employee who refuses to accept promotion.- In the event of refusal to accept promotion by a member of a service, he shall be debarred by the appointing authority from consideration for promotion for all the consecutive chances which may occur in future within a period of two years from the date of such refusal to accept promotion:

Provided that in a case where the appointing authority is satisfied that a member of a service has refused to accept promotion under the circumstances beyond his control, it may exempt such a member for reasons to be recorded therefor in writing from the operation of this rule.]

19. Power to relax.- Where the government is of the opinion that it is necessary to expedient so to do, it may by order, for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.

Provided that the provisions relating to educational qualifications and experience, if any, shall not be relaxed.

20. Over riding effect.- The provisions of these rules shall have effect notwithstanding anything contrary contained in any rules for the time being in force for regulating the recruitment and conditions of service for appointment to public service and posts in connection with the affairs of the State.

¹ Rule 18 was Substituted, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.117/Const./Art.309/Amd.(7)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

21. Interpretation.- If any, question arises as to the interpretation of these rules, the Government shall decide the same.

“APPENDIX”

(See rule 2)

- Group ‘A’ : Posts in initial entry revised scales of pay having a maximum of Rs. 11,660 or more;
Provided that all existing Class I posts irrespective of the monetary limits of the pay scales shall be placed in Group ‘A’.
- Group ‘B’ : Posts in initial entry revised scales of pay with maximum ranging between Rs. 10,640 to 11,659;
- Group ‘C’ : Posts in initial entry revised scales of pay with maximum ranging between Rs. 5,160 to 10,639;

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Appendix was inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

PART III
GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(Housing -1 Branch)
NOTIFICATION

The 10th August, 2017

No. G.S.R.36/Const./Art.309/2017 .— In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to make the following rules regulating the recruitment and the conditions of service of the persons appointed to the Punjab Town and Country Planning Group C (Technical) Service, namely:-

RULES

- 1. Short title, commencement and application.—** (1) These rules may be called the Punjab Town and Country Planning Group C (Technical) Service Rules, 2017.
(2) They shall come into force on and with effect from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
(3) They shall apply to all the posts specified in Appendix 'A'.
- 2. Definitions.—** In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 - (a) 'Appendix' means an Appendix appended to these rules;
 - (b) 'Director' means the Director, Town and Country Planning, Punjab;
 - (c) 'Government' means the Government of the State of Punjab in the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
 - (d) 'Service' means the Punjab Town and Country Planning Group C (Technical) Service.
- 3. Number and character of posts.—** The Service shall comprise the posts as specified in Appendix 'A':

Provided that nothing in these rules shall affect the inherent right of the Government to add to or to reduce the number of posts or to create new posts with different designations and scales of pay, whether permanently or temporarily.
- 4. Appointing authority.—** Appointment to the Service shall be made by the Director.
- 5. Method of appointment, qualifications and experience.—** (1) Appointment to the post in the Service shall be made in the manner specified in Appendix 'B':

Provided that if no suitable candidate is available for appointment to the Service by promotion either with requisite experience or with two-third part of the requisite

experience or by direct recruitment, as the case may be, then appointment to the Service shall be made by transfer of a person holding analogous post under the State Government or Government of India.

(2) No person shall be appointed to a post in the Service unless he possesses the qualifications and experience as specified against that post in Appendix 'B':

Provided that if any post in the Service is filled up by transfer, then in such a case qualifications specified for direct recruitment shall apply :

Provided further that if a post in the Service is specified to be filled up exclusively by promotion, then for filling up such a post by transfer, the qualifications specified for promotion shall apply.

(3) Appointment to the Service by promotion shall be made on seniority-cum-merit basis and no person shall have any right to claim promotion on the basis of seniority alone.

6. Pay of members of Service.— The members of the Service shall be entitled to such scales of pay, as may be authorized by the Government of Punjab in the Department of Finance from time to time. The scales of pay, at present, in force in respect of the members of the Service, are given in Appendix 'A'.

7. Discipline, punishment and appeal.— (1) In the matters of discipline, punishment and appeal, the members of the Service shall be governed by the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970, as amended from time to time.

(2) The authority empowered to impose penalties, as specified in rule 5 of the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970 and the appellate authority thereunder, in respect of the members of the Service, shall be the Director and the Government, respectively.

8. Application of the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994.— (1) In respect of the matters, which are not specifically provided in these rules, the members of the Service shall be governed by the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994, as amended from time to time.

(2) The Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994, at present in force are contained in Appendix 'C'.

9. Repeal and saving.— The Punjab Town and Country Planning Class III, Technical Service Rules, 2001, in so far as they are applicable to the members of the Service, are hereby repealed:

Provided that any order issued or any action taken under the rules so repealed,

shall be deemed to have been issued or taken under the corresponding provisions of these rules.

- 10. Interpretation.**— If any question arises as to the interpretation of these rules, the Government, in consultation with the Department of Personnel, shall decide the same.

APPENDIX 'A'

(See rules 1(3), 3 and 6)

Serial Number	Designation of the post	Number of posts			Scale of pay + Grade Pay (in rupees)
		Permanent	Temporary	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Research Officer	7	-	7	10300-34800 +4200
2.	Junior Draftsman	48	-	48	10300-34800 +3200
3.	Area Investigator	12	-	12	10300-34800 +3600
4.	Patwari	22	-	22	10300-34800 +3200
5.	Field Investigator	20	-	20	5910-20200 +1900
6.	Driver-cum-Helper	30	-	30	5910-20200 +2400

APPENDIX-'B'**[See rule 5]**

Serial. Number	Designation of the Post	Percentage for appointment by		Method qualification and experience for appointment by	
		Direct Appointment	Promotion	Direct Appointment	Promotion
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Research Officer	-	Hundred per cent	-	From amongst the Area Investigators who have a regular experience of working as such for a minimum period of five years in the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Punjab.
2.	Junior Draftsman	Hundred per cent	- -	(i) Should possess three years Diploma in Architectural Assistantship awarded by the State Board of Technical Education, Punjab; or Should possess two years Certificate Course in Civil Draftsmanship from a recognized Industrial Training Institute or its equivalent with one year experience in the field of Planning and Designing in any Government or Semi-Government institute or	

					department after obtaining the certificate; and (ii) Should possess minimum three months certificate computer course in AutoCAD software with proficiency in Geographical Information System (GIS) either from a Government recognised institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001, certified.
3.	Area Investigator	-	Hundred per cent	-	From amongst the Field Investigators or Patwaris who have a regular experience of working as such for a minimum period of five years in the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Punjab: Provided that the date of eligibility of an employee (inter-se seniority) for the promotion to the post of Area Investigator shall be determined according to pay being drawn by the employee, preference being given to a person who was drawing a higher rate of pay in his previous appointment; and if the rate of pay drawn is also the same, then by their

					length of service in post held by the employee; and if the length of such service is also the same, an older person shall be considered as senior to a younger person.
4.	Patwari	Hundred per cent	-	(i) Should be a Graduate or its equivalent from a recognized university or institution; (ii) Should possess Patwar's Certificate issued by the Department of Revenue and Rehabilitation of the Government; (iii) Should possess at least 120 Hours' Course with working experience in the use of Personal Computer or Information Technology in the Office Productivity Applications or Desktop Publishing Applications from a recognized institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001 certified; OR Should possess at least 120 Hours'	-

				working experience in Computer Applications from a recognized institution or a Certificate of 'O' Level from the Department of Electronic Accreditation of Computer Course (in short DOEACC).	
5.	Field Investigator	Hundred per cent	-	Should possess Bachelor's degree in Economics or Sociology or Geography as one of the subjects from a recognized university or institution.	-
6.	Driver-cum- Helper	Hundred per cent	-	(i) Should have passed Examination equivalent to Matriculation Standard Examination from a recognized Board or institution; (ii) Should possess a valid driving license for light and heavy vehicles; and (iii) Should have an experience of driving for a minimum period of three year.	-

APPENDIX-'C'

(See rule 8)

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL
(PERSONNEL POLICIES-1 BRANCH)**NOTIFICATION**

The 4th May, 1994

NO. G.S.R.33/Const./Art.309/94. - In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution of India, and all other powers enabling in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to make the following rules regulating the recruitment and general and common conditions of service of persons appointed to '[Group 'A', Group 'B' and Group 'C'] services in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab, namely:-

1. Short title, commencement and application.- (1) These rules may be called the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

(3) They shall apply to all the posts in '[Group 'A', Group 'B' and Group 'C'] services in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab.

2. Definitions.- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-

- a) "appointing authority" means an appointing authority specified as such in the Service Rules made under article 309 of the Constitution of India in respect of any service or Post in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab ;
- b) "Board" means the Subordinate Service Selection Board, Punjab or any other authority constituted to perform its functions;
- c) "Commission" means the Punjab Public Service Commission;
- d) "direct appointment" means an appointment made otherwise than by promotion or by transfer of a person already in the service of Government of India or of a State Government;
- e) "Government" means the Government of the State of Punjab in the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms;
- f) "recognised university or institution" means,-
 - i) any university or institution incorporated by law in any of the State of India; or
 - ii) any other university or institution, which is declared by the Government to be recognised university or institution for the purposes of these rules;

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

- g) "[Service" means any Group 'A' Service, Group 'B' Service and Group 'C' Service constituted in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab as per scales given in the Appendix;]
- h) "Service Rules" means the service rules made under article 309 of the Constitution of India regulating the recruitment and conditions of service other than the general and common conditions of service of persons appointed to any service or post in connection with the affairs of the State of Punjab; and
- ²[i) (i) "War hero" means a defence services personnel, or a para-military forces personnel, who is a *bona fide* resident of Punjab State and has been killed or discharged from service on account of disability suffered by him on or after 1st January, 1999, while fighting in a war declared so by the Government of India, in operations in Kargil or any other sector in J & K in the on going conflict with Pakistan or in any other operations which may be notified by the State Government to have been undertaken for preserving the unity and integrity of the Country; or
- (ii) a defence service personnel or a para-military forces personnel who was a *bona fide* resident of Punjab State and was posthumously decorated with Parm Vir Chakra, Mahavir Chakra or Vir Chakra; provided that,-
- a) In exceptional instances, the cases of such War Heroes may also be covered, with the prior approval of the Department of Personnel who though not *bona fide* residents of Punjab State are yet closely connected to the State of Punjab;
- b) In the case of War Heroes, falling in the category (ii) above, the benefits to be given by the State Government will be restricted only to first generation dependent members/next of the kin.

Note:- The Government reserves the right to include any other category of Awardees for the purpose of providing employment to the category of War Heroes, as may be notified.]

3. Nationality, domicile and character of person appointed to the Service.-

- (1) No person shall be appointed to the Service unless he is,-
- a) a Citizen of India; or

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

² Substituted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.34/Const./Art.309/Amd.(7)/2003, dated 12th July, 2003.

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- b) a Citizen of Nepal; or
 - c) a Subject of Bhutan; or
 - d) a Tibetan refugee who came over to India before the 1st day of January, 1962 with the intention of permanently settling in India; or
 - e) a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka and East African Countries of Kenya, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania (formerly Tanganyika and Zanzibar), Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India :

Provided that a person belonging to any of the categories (b), (c), (d) and (e) shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been given by the Government of Punjab in the Department of Home Affairs and Justice.

- (2) A person in whose case a certificate of eligibility is necessary may be admitted to an examination or interview conducted by the Commission or the Board, as the case may be, on his furnishing proof that he has applied for the certificate but he shall not be appointed to the service unless the necessary certificate is given to him by the Government of Punjab in the Department of Home Affairs and Justice.
- (3) No person shall be recruited to the service by direct appointment, unless he produces,
 - a) a certificate of character from the principal academic officer of the university, college, school or institution last attended, if any, and similar certificates from two responsible persons not being his relatives, who are well acquainted with him in his private life and are unconnected with him in his private life and are unconnected with his university, college, school or institution; and
 - b) An affidavit to the effect that he was never convicted for any criminal offence involving moral turpitude and that he was never dismissed or removed from service of any State Government or of Government of India, or of any Public Sector Undertaking.

4. Disqualification.- No person;-

- a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having spouse living ; or
- b) who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person shall be eligible for appointment to the Service :

Provided that the Government, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and that there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

- 5. Age.-**¹[(1) No person shall be recruited to the Service by direct appointment, if he is less than eighteen years or is more than thirty seven years of age in the case of technical and non-technical posts on the first day of January of the year immediately preceding the last date, fixed for submission of applications by the Commission or the Board, as the case may be.]

Provided that where different lower and upper age limits have been specifically prescribed for posts in the Service Rules, these limits shall be made applicable for appointment to such posts:

Provided further that the upper age limit may be relaxed upto fortyfive years in the case of persons already in the employment of the ³[Punjab Government or any Board, Corporation, Commission or Authority under it,] other State Government or the Government of India.

Provided further that in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and other Backward Classes, the upper age limit shall be such as may be fixed by the Government from time to time.

- (2) In the case of ex-servicemen, the upper age limit shall be such as has been prescribed in the Punjab Recruitment of Ex-servicemen Rules, 1982, as amended from time to time.
- (3) In the case of appointment on compassionate grounds on priority basis, the upper age limit shall be such as may be specifically fixed by the Government from time to time.

- ²[(4) In the case of appointment of a War-hero, who has been discharged from defence services or para-military forces on account of disability suffered by him or his widow or dependent member of his family, the upper age limit shall be such as may be specifically fixed by the Government from time to time]

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.20/Const./Art.309/Amd(10)/2010, dated 24th May 2010.

² Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.81/Const./Art.309/Amd.(11)/99, dated 15th November, 1999.

³ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.85/Const./Art.309/Amd.(19)/2016, dated 20th December, 2016.

³[**5A. Increase in upper age limit.** - Notwithstanding anything contained in rule 5, on and with effect from the commencement of the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Amendment Rules, 2010, where in any other Service rules, or in Government instructions, the upper age limit for appointment to any Service or for any category or persons, if different from thirty-five years, it shall be deemed to have been increased by two years.]

6. Qualification etc.- Subject to the provisions of these rules, the number and character of posts, method of recruitment and educational qualifications and experience for appointment to a post or posts in a Service and the departmental examination, if any, shall be such as may be specified in the Service Rules made for that Service;

¹{ Provided that where appointment of ²[Group 'A' or Group 'B'] non-technical post is offered to a war-hero, who has been discharged from defence services or paramilitary forces on account of disability suffered by him or his widow or dependent member of his family, under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government, the educational qualification to be possessed by such person shall be graduation from a recognised university. Such person who is offered ²[Group 'A' or Group 'B' or Group 'C'] non- technical post, shall not, however, be required to possess experience of technical or non-technical post at the time of his initial appointment. }

7. Probation.- (1) A person appointed to any post in the service shall remain on probation for a period of ⁴[three] years, if recruited by direct appointment and one year if appointed otherwise:

Provided that.-

- (a) any period, after such appointment, spent on deputation on a corresponding or a higher post shall count towards the period of probation;
- (b) in the case of an appointment by transfer, any period of work on an equivalent or higher rank, prior to appointment to the Service, may in the discretion of the appointing authority, be allowed to count towards the period of probation;

¹ Proviso was added, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.81/Const./Art.309/Amd(11)/99, dated 15th November, 1999.

² Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

³ Rule 5A after rule 5 was inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.20/Const./Art.309/Amd.(10)/2010, dated 24th May, 2010.

⁴ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.56/Const./Art.309/Amd.(18)/2016, dated 5th September, 2016.

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- (c) any period of officiating appointment to the Service shall be reckoned as period spent on probation; and
 - (d) any kind of leave not exceeding six months, during or at the end of period of probation, shall be counted towards the period of probation.
- (2) If, in the opinion of the appointing authority, the work or conduct of a person during the period of probation is not satisfactory or if he has failed to pass the departmental examination, if any, prescribed in Service Rules within a period not exceeding ¹[one] and a half years from the date of appointment, it may,-
- (a) if such person is recruited by direct appointment, dispense with his services, or revert him to a post on which he held lien prior to his appointment to the Service by direct appointment; and
 - (b) if such person is appointed otherwise -
 - i) revert him to his former post; or
 - ii) deal with him in such other manner as the terms and conditions of the previous appointment permit.
- (3) On the completion of the period of probation of a person, the appointing authority may -
- (a) if his work and conduct has in its opinion been satisfactory -
 - i) confirm such person, from the date of his appointment or from the date he completes his period of probation satisfactorily, if he is not already confirmed; or
 - ii) declare that he has completed his probation satisfactorily, if he is already confirmed; or
 - (b) if his work or conduct has not been in its opinion, satisfactory or if he has failed to pass the departmental examination, if any, specified in the Service Rules,-
 - i) dispense with his services, if appointed by direct appointment or if appointed otherwise revert him to his former post, or deal with him in such other manner as the terms and conditions of his previous appointment may permit;
 - ii) extend his period of probation and thereafter pass such order. as it could have passed on the expiry of the period of probation as specified in sub-rule (1):

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.1/Const./Art.309/Amd(14)/2015, dated 23rd February, 2015.

Provided that the total period of probation including extension, if any, shall not exceed three years.

8. Seniority.- The seniority *inter se* of persons appointed to posts in each cadre of a Service shall be determined by the length of continuous service on such post in that cadre of the Service.

Provided that in the case of persons recruited by direct appointment who join within the period specified in the order of appointment or within such period as may be extended from time to time by the appointing authority subject to a maximum of four months from the date of order of appointment the order of merit determined by the Commission or the Board, as the case may be, shall not be disturbed:

Provided further that in case a person is permitted to join the post after the expiry of the said period of four months in consultation with the Commission or the Board, as the case may be, his seniority shall be determined from the date he joins the post:

Provided further that in case any person of the next selection has joined a post in the cadre of the concerned Service before the person referred to in the preceding proviso joins, the person so referred shall be placed below all the persons of the next selection who join within the time specified in the first proviso:

Provided further that in the case of two or more persons appointed on the same date, their seniority shall be determined as follows:-

- a) a person appointed by direct appointment shall be senior to a person appointed otherwise;
- b) a person appointed by promotion shall be senior to a person appointed by transfer;
- c) in the case of persons appointed by promotion or transfer, the seniority shall be determined according to the seniority of such persons in the appointments from which they were promoted or transferred; and
- d) in the case of persons appointed by transfer from different cadres their seniority shall be determined according to pay, preference being given to a person who was drawing a higher rate of pay in his previous appointment; and if the rates of pay drawn are also the same, then by their length of service in these appointments and if the length of service is also the same, an older person shall be senior to a younger person:

¹[Provided further that in the case of persons recruited by direct appointment in the same cadre obtaining equal marks during same selection process, their *inter- se-seniority* shall be determined on the basis of their age. That is, an older person shall be senior to the younger person.]

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.11/Const./Art.309/Amd.(17)/2016 dated 19th January, 2016.

Note:- Seniority of persons appointed on purely provisional basis or on ad hoc basis shall be determined as and when they are regularly appointed keeping in view the dates of such regular appointment.

9. Liability of members of Service to transfer.- A member of a Service may be transferred to any post whether included in any other service or not, on the same terms and conditions as are specified in rule 3.17 of the Punjab Civil Service Rules, Volume-I, Part I.

10. Liability to serve.- A member of a Service shall be liable to serve at any place, whether within or out of the State of Punjab, on being ordered so to do by the appointing authority.

11. Leave, Pension and other matters.- In respect of pay, leave, pension and all other matters not expressly provided for in these rules, a member of a Service shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may have been or may hereafter be adopted or made by the competent authority.

12. Discipline, penalties and appeals.- (1) In the matter of discipline, punishment and appeals, a member of a Service shall be governed by the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970 as amended from time to time.

(2) The authority empowered to impose penalties specified in rule 5 of the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970 and the appellate authority thereunder in respect of the Government employee shall be such as may be specified in the Service Rules.

13. Liability for vaccination and re-vaccination.- Every member of a Service shall get himself vaccinated or re-vaccinated when Punjab Government so directs by a special or general order.

14. Oath of allegiance.- Every member of a Service, unless he has already done so, shall be required to take oath of allegiance to India and to the Constitution of India as by law established.

¹14A. Minimum Educational and other Qualifications for appointment to the post of Senior Assistant by —

Direct Appointment	Promotion
No person shall be given direct appointment to the post of Senior Assistant under the Punjab Government unless he -- (i) Possesses the Bachelor's	From amongst the clerks, who have an experience of working as such for a minimum period five years.

¹ Rule 14A was inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.7/Const./Art./309/Amd.(15)/2015 dated 15th March 2015.

Degree from a recognised University or Institution; and

(ii) Qualifies in the competitive test specified by the appointing authority from time to time; and

(iii) Possesses at least one hundred and twenty hours course with hands on experience in the use of Personal Computer or Information Technology in Office Productivity applications or Desktop Publishing applications from a Government recognised institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001, certified.

OR

Possesses a Computer Information Technology Course equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course (DOEACC) of Government of India.

(2) The person so appointed as Senior Assistant in terms of the Provisions of sub-rule (1), shall have, before his appointment, ¹[passed a test in English and Punjabi, respectively,] typewriting on computer to be conducted by the Board or the appointing authority or the Department of Information Technology, as the case may be, at a speed of thirty words per minute.".

Provided that where appointment of Group 'B' non-technical post is offered to a War Hero, who has been discharged from Defence Services or dependent member of his family under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government, the educational qualification to be possessed by such person shall be Graduate from a recognised University or Institution. However, such person shall not be required to qualify the test in Punjabi type-writing as provided in sub-rule (2).

¹ Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.69/Const./Art.309/Amd.(16)/2015 dated 24th December, 2015.

¹[15. Minimum Educational and other qualifications.- (1) (i) No person shall be given direct appointment to the post of Clerk under the Punjab Government unless he possesses the Bachelor's Degree from a recognised University or Institution; and

- (ii) Possesses at least one hundred and twenty hours course with hands on experience in the use of Personal Computer or Information Technology in Office Productivity applications or Desktop Publishing applications from a Government recognised institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001, certified.

OR

Possesses a Computer information Technology course equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course (DOEACC) of Government of India.;

(2) The person so appointed as Clerk in terms of the provisions of sub-rule(1), shall have, before his appointment, ²[passed a test in English and Punjabi, respectively, on computer], to be conducted by the Board or the appointing authority or the Department of Information Technology as the case may be, at a speed of thirty words per minute.".

Provided that where appointment of Group 'C' non-technical post is offered to a War Hero, who has been discharged from Defence Services or dependent member of his family under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government, the educational qualification to be possessed by such person shall be Graduate from a recognised University or Institution. However, such person shall not be required to qualify the test in Punjabi type-writing as specified in sub-rule (2).]

³[15A. Minimum Educational and other Qualifications for appointment to the post of Senior Scale Stenographer by —

Direct Appointment	Promotion
No person shall be given direct appointment to the post of Senior Scale Stenographer under the Punjab Government unless he -- (i) Possesses the Bachelor's Degree from a recognised University or Institution; and	(i) From amongst the Junior Scale Stenographers, who have an experience of working as such for a minimum period of one year.

¹ Rule 15 was Substituted, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.12/Const./Art.309/Amd.(9)/2009, dated 10th February, 2009.

Rule 15 was amended and sub rule (3) was Omitted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.59/Const./Art.309/Amd.(13)/2011, dated 17th August, 2011.

² Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.69/Const./Art.309/Amd.(16)/2015 dated 24th December, 2015.

³ Rule 15A was Inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.7/Const./Art.309/Amd.(15)/2015 dated 15th March, 2015.

(ii) Qualifies in a Stenography test in four paras (two in Punjabi and two in English language) containing 250 words each as follows :-

(a) the passage in Punjabi shall be dictated at a speed of 100 words per minute in Punjabi language required to be transcribed these (at typewriter/computer) at a speed of 20 words per minute; and

(b) the passage in English shall be dictated at a speed of 60 words per minute in English language required to be transcribed these (at typewriter/computer) at the speed of 12 words per minute.

(iii) The candidates committing not more than 4% mistakes in aggregate and only if he/she qualifies the stenography test in both the languages shall be considered to have qualified the test for appointment as Senior Scale Stenographer".

(iv) Possesses at least one hundred and twenty hours course with hands on experience in the use of Personal Computer or Information Technology in Office Productivity applications or Desktop Publishing applications from a Government recognised institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001, certified.

OR

Possesses a Computer information Technology course equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course (DOEACC) of Government of India.

Provided that if the Junior Scale Stenographer is not available then from amongst the Steno typists, who have an experience of working as such for a minimum period of five years; and (ii) Qualifies in a stenography test in four paras (two in Punjabi and two in English language) containing 250 words each as follows:-

(a) the passage in Punjabi shall be dictated at a speed of 100 words per minute in Punjabi language required to be transcribed these (at typewriter/computer) at a speed of 20 words per minute; and

(b) the passage in English shall be dictated at a speed of 60 words per minute in English language required to be transcribed these (at typewriter/computer) at the speed of 12 words per minute.

(iii) The candidates committing not more than 4% mistakes in aggregate and only if he / she qualifies the Stenography test in both the languages shall be considered to have qualified the test for promotion as Senior Scale Stenographer."

²[16. Minimum Educational and other Qualifications for appointment to the post of Steno-typist or Junior Scale Stenographer.- No person shall be given direct

¹ Rule 15A was Inserted, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.7/Const./Art.309/Amd.(15)/2015, dated 15th March, 2015.

² Amended vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.12/Const./Art.309/Amd.(9)/2009, dated 10th February, 2009.

appointment to the post of Steno-typist or Junior Scale Stenographer under the Punjab Government, unless he -

- (a) Possesses Bachelor's Degree from a recognised University or Institution; and
- (b) Qualifies a test in Punjabi Stenography to be held by the Board or by the appointing authority at a speed specified by the Government from time to time; and
- (c) Possesses at least one hundred and twenty hours course with hands on experience in the use of Personal Computer or Information Technology in Office Productivity applications or Desktop Publishing applications from Government recognised institution or a reputed institution, which is ISO 9001, certified.

OR

Possesses a Computer information Technology Course equivalent to 'O' level certificate of Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Course (DOEACC) of Government of India.]

[17. Knowledge of Punjabi Language.- No person shall be appointed to any post in any service by direct appointment unless he has passed Matriculation examination with Punjabi as one of the compulsory or elective subjects or any other equivalent examination in Punjabi language, which may be specified by the Government from time to time:

Provided that where a person is appointed on compassionate grounds on priority basis under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government from time to time, the person so appointed shall have to pass an examination of Punjabi language equivalent to Matriculation standard or he shall have to qualify a test conducted by the Language Wing of the Department of Education of Punjab Government within a period of six months from the date of his appointment:

Provided further that where educational qualifications for a post in any service are lower than the Matriculation standard, then the person so appointed shall have to pass an examination of Punjabi language equivalent to Middle standard:

Provided further that where a War Hero, who has been discharged from defence services or paramilitary forces on account of disability suffered by him or his widow or dependent member of his family, is appointed under the instructions issued in this behalf by the Government, the person so appointed will not be required to possess aforesaid knowledge of Punjabi language:

Provided further that where a ward of Defence Service Personnel, who is a

¹ Rule 17 was Substituted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.97/Const./Art.309/Amd.(5)/2001, dated 4th September, 2001.

bona fide resident of Punjab State, is appointed by direct appointment, he shall have to pass an examination of Punjabi Language equivalent to Matriculation Standard or he shall have to qualify a test conducted by the Language Wing of the Department of Education of Punjab Government within a period of two years from the date of his appointment.]

'[18. Promotion to Group 'A' and Group 'B' Services.- (1) (a) For promotion to the post as Head of Department would be decided strictly on the basis of merit-cum-seniority as per the instructions issued by the Government from time to time. The minimum bench mark for promotion for such post would be 'Very Good'. The officer who is graded as 'Outstanding' would supersede the officer graded as 'Very Good'.

(b) For promotion to post falling in Group 'A' other than Head of Department, the minimum benchmark will be 'Very Good' as per the instructions issued by the Government from time to time. There shall be no supersession on the basis of merit.

(c) For promotion to post falling in Group 'B' the minimum benchmark will be 'Good' and there shall be no supersession on the basis of merit.

(2) Debarring for consideration for promotion of a Government employee who refuses to accept promotion.- In the event of refusal to accept promotion by a member of a service, he shall be debarred by the appointing authority from consideration for promotion for all the consecutive chances which may occur in future within a period of two years from the date of such refusal to accept promotion:

Provided that in a case where the appointing authority is satisfied that a member of a service has refused to accept promotion under the circumstances beyond his control, it may exempt such a member for reasons to be recorded therefor in writing from the operation of this rule.]

19. Power to relax.- Where the government is of the opinion that it is necessary to expedient so to do, it may by order, for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.

Provided that the provisions relating to educational qualifications and experience, if any, shall not be relaxed.

20. Over riding effect.- The provisions of these rules shall have effect notwithstanding anything contrary contained in any rules for the time being in force for regulating the recruitment and conditions of service for appointment to public service and posts in connection with the affairs of the State.

¹ Rule 18 was Substituted, vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.117/Const./Art.309/Amd.(7)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.

21. Interpretation.- If any, question arises as to the interpretation of these rules, the Government shall decide the same.

“APPENDIX”

(See rule 2)

Group ‘A’ : Posts in initial entry revised scales of pay having a maximum of Rs. 11,660 or more;

Provided that all existing Class I posts irrespective of the monetary limits of the pay scales shall be placed in Group ‘A’.

Group ‘B’ : Posts in initial entry revised scales of pay with maximum ranging between Rs. 10,640 to 11,659;

Group ‘C’ : Posts in initial entry revised scales of pay with maximum ranging between Rs. 5,160 to 10,639;

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Appendix was inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.115/Const./Art.309/Amd.(6)/2001, dated 18th December, 2001.